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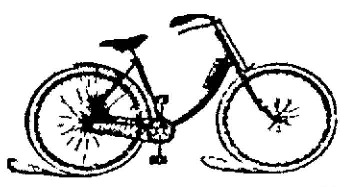

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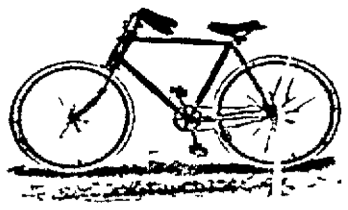

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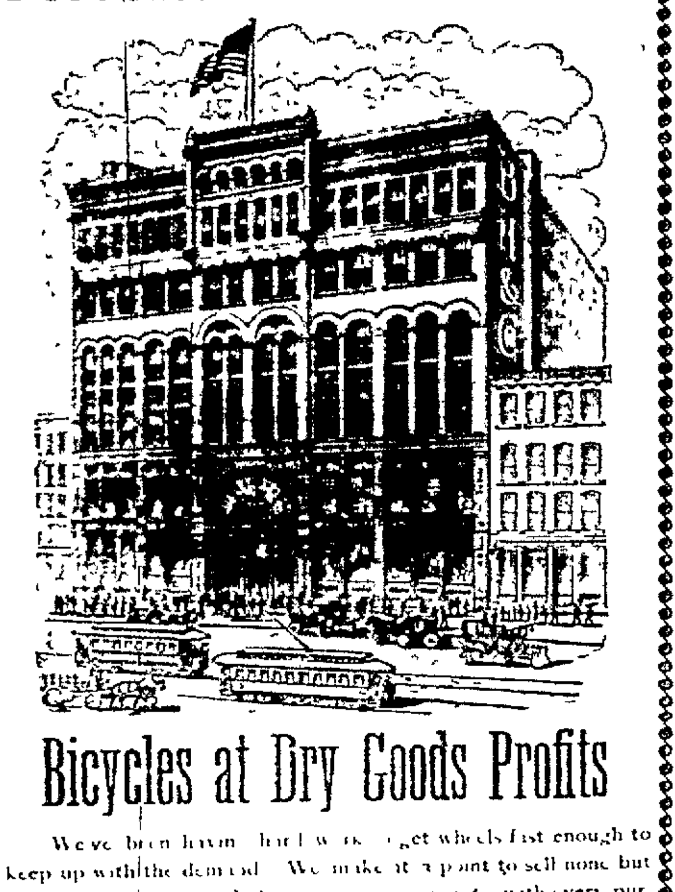

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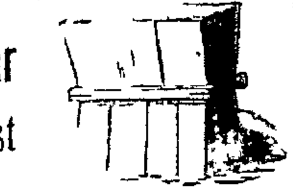

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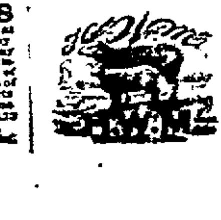

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CHAPTER III.

A DEVOTED CONFEDERATE.

On the morning of the general advance of the Army of the Cumberland a drizzling rain set in which lasted at intervals during the whole campaign. Day after day the men tramped through the mire, often to lie down at night with no means of lifting themselves out of pools except by cutting the wet branches from the trees and on these making a bed in drenched clothes. The artillery soon cut up the roads so that the guns sank to the hubs of the wheels. The right continued to march toward the left, and in the direction of the base of the Cumberland plateau, where Miss Betsy Baggs and the others were passing between the lines. The Unionists were moving upon gaps in the foothills held by the Confederates and necessary to the latter to prevent their enemies getting on their right, and thus compelling them to leave their fortifications at Tullahoma and fight on open ground.

It was the day that the Union men attacked the gaps that Miss Baggs passed under Confederate protection, and the farmer and the two young people with him were also pursuing their route south. Fortunately for him, the farmer being on the flank of the two armies was not forced to pass over roads cut up by either. After Major Burke had administered the oath not to divulge anything they had seen concerning the Union forces to the farmer and the young girl in the wagon with him (he considered the boy too young to treat in the same way) the party were suffered to depart and proceeded down the road.

"Jake," said the farmer, slapping the horses' backs with the reins, "what hev you l'arned at skule?"

"L'arned ter play hop scotch and shinny."

"I don't mean thet kind. I mean real l'arnin."

Jake was [illegible] at a great disadvantage. [illegible] You remember [illegible] letters which he went to [illegible]

"Not [illegible]," said the father. "[illegible] I began to study [illegible] I went away and [illegible] thet he know some thing about them too, when he got ther."

"Air they doin much talkin 'bout the war up no'th?"

"Well, it isn't at all like it is down hyar" (no southerner will ever change the pronunciation of this word). "They take lots of interest in it, and all that, but [illegible] it's [illegible] to get up in the morning and read the papers 'bout battles and such things, and [illegible] to have soldiers running all over you, especially taking the garden truck and the horses out of the barn—[illegible] out of the barn. [illegible] the hardest work to break [illegible] saying outen for 'out of.' It's [illegible] hasn't quite done it yet." She spoke the last words with a sigh.

"[illegible] Souri [illegible] talk like a fine lady compared [illegible] what [illegible] did afore y' went north. Jake, wouldn't y' like ter drive 'em?"

"Reckon."

The father handed the reins to his son, who, considering that he had not driven a horse for a year, handled them with considerable skill.

"How did you leave ma?" asked the daughter.

"Waal, yer maw she war a heap lonesome [illegible] and she's been a worritin fo' fear y'd git sick up thar [illegible], but sence the time fo' yer comin hum hez drawed nigh she's puckered up pretty peart."

The boom of a gun came faintly from far down on the lower level, and the cannonading heard by Corporal Ratigan and his charge began. Taking up the whip, the countryman gave his horses a cut.

"I want ter make hum afore somep'n happens. Thar's goin ter be a big fight 'bout Tullahomy. Thar's forts all round thar [illegible] big guns on [illegible]."

The horses trotted on briskly for a short distance, when, looking ahead, the farmer could see the picket post. He got his pass ready, and when they reached the post an officer came out to examine it.

"Is your name Ezekiel Slack?" he asked of the farmer.

"Zeke Slack, yaas, that's my name."

"And yours?" to the girl, raising his forage cap admiringly.

"Missouri Slack."

"The other name on the pass refers to the boy, I suppose. You have a name, sonny, haven't you?" he asked absently, while he was studying the pass, though it is questionable if the inquiry was not intended to show some facetiousness before the pretty girl.

"[illegible]"

"Oh, Jakey," said his sister, "don't fall back into that habit of asking questions instead of answering them. You know how hard they tried to break you of it at school. And say 'hair,' not 'har.'"

"I got a name," said Jake. "D'y reckon a boy 14 's goin ter git on 'ithout a name?"

"Well, what is it?" asked the officer, smiling.

"Jake."

"Jake what?"

"Slack," answered the farmer. "These two uns is my children. They been ter skule up in Ohio. They got lots o' l'arnin. Reckon they'll down the old man."

"Union or Confederate sympathies?"

"Union."

"All right. Go ahead."

Leaving the picket, they came to an opening in the country which enabled them to get a view of the region lying to the west. The farmer, though desirous of getting on, could not resist a temptation to rein in his horses and watch the fighting, or the distant evidences of it, that morning going on at Hoover's Gap. Volleys of musketry were mingled with the deeper tones of cannon. Then the firing ceased for awhile, when the booms began again, continued and rapid. A white smoke rose above a ridge on which Confederate cannons were shelling the advancing Union troops on the ground below. Souri Slack thought of the lives that were passing from under that smoke and covered her face with her hands.

When the sounds ceased, Farmer Slack drove on and soon reached the Confederate picket. The party were sent in charge of a trooper to the headquarters of an officer commanding a body of cavalry on the Confederate extreme left. His headquarters were in a house beside the road. It had once been in the center of a neat country place. The fences, the outhouses, the walks, had all been in excellent condition prior to the first passage of troops. Now of the fences there was an occasional upright post left, the walks were overgrown with weeds and grass; the outhouses had nearly all been torn down. The place was a picture of desolation. Nevertheless the general who temporarily resided there was making himself very comfortable.

The wagon drew up before the house, and the conducting trooper sent in word to the general that a party, who had come in from the Union lines, were waiting outside, desiring permission to go on south. An order came to send the party all inside.

The three travelers entered the house to find a tall man with an iron gray beard reclining in a rocking chair with as much apparent unconcern as if war were simply a pastime.

"You have just come from the enemy's lines, I hear," he said to the farmer.

"Yaas, sir."

"What force did you see in the region through which you passed?"

The farmer explained that he could not answer the question, inasmuch as he had been permitted to pass after taking an oath not to give any information.

"Hm. You are quite right not to answer under the circumstances," observed the general. "Did your daughter take the same oath?"

"Yaas, general," said Souri.

"Surely they didn't administer an oath to a boy of your age?" he said, turning to Jakey.

"Reckon th' thought I war too little to swar," said Jakey. He thrust his hands in his pockets, a sure sign that he was steadying himself for a conflict of wits and words. But the general was not acquainted with the peculiar characteristics of Jakey Slack and prepared to question him as unconcernedly as he would pump water from a well.

"What route did you come?" he asked of the farmer.

"I met the children at Gallatin," replied Slack. "I driv' 'em from thar through Lebanon and Liberty."

"Sonny," said the general, turning to Jakey, "did you pass any troops on the way?"

"Lots."

"Infantry?"

"What's thet?"

"Soldiers who walk and carry guns."

"Didn't see none o' them kind."

"Did you see any artillery?"

"Don't know what them uns air."

"Men with great big guns—cannon."

"No, sir. Didn't see no 'tillery."

"Then what you saw must have been cavalry."

"Didn't see none o' them uns nuther."

The general looked surprised.

"Then what did you see? That's all the arms of the service I ever heard of, and I am an old soldier."

"Critter companies."

"Oh, I see!" exclaimed the general, remembering the mountain Tennesseeans' name for cavalry. "How many soldiers belonging to the critter companies, as you call them, did you see?"

"Waal, I counted 20 'n thet's 's fur as I got at countin in skule."

Souri was about to remind her brother that he had proved himself one of the best boys in the school at mental arithmetic, but desisted.

"H'm!" The general thought a moment and beat a reveille with his fingers on the arm of his chair.

"What were they doing within the Federal lines just before you left the outposts?"

"Waal, I only noticed one man, 'n he war doin somep'n very particklor."

"What was it?"

"He war lookin at the sky through a flat round thing what looked like a big squashed apple."

"Not a fieldglass, was it?"

"No, sir. Reckon 'twasn't thet."

"Was the man of high rank?"

"Reckon he war. He had stripes on his arm."

"Tut, tut, he wore chevrons. He was only a noncommissioned officer. Can't you describe more nearly the object through which he was looking?"

"Waal, I think I heern some'un call it a can—can"—

"Not a canteen?"

"Yes, thet's it."

The general looked sharply at the boy, who looked stolidly stupid. He determined to try another route through which to lead Jakey's infantile mind.

"Were the troops you saw in camp, or on the march, or in bivouac?"

"Don't know what thet ar' last air, but the trees 'n brush war so thick I couldn' see plain."

"Can't you tell me if you saw any infantry? Soldiers who walk and carry guns, you know?"

"I never looks at them kind o' sojers," replied Jakey contemptuously. "I only notices 'em when th're on critters' backs."

"That will do," said the general. Then, turning to a staff officer near him, he said:

"Captain, you may pass these people south," and added in an undertone, "Ride over to division headquarters and say that nothing has yet been obtained of the enemy's movements in this vicinity by questioning citizens. Only one party has come through—a farmer, with his son and daughter. The farmer and his daughter took an oath not to give any information concerning the dispositions of the enemy, and the boy is profoundly stupid."

There was a sound of hoofs without, mingled with the rattle of wheels. Looking through an open window, an officer was seen to dismount and hand a woman from a mud covered, paint rubbed buggy. All recognized Miss Elizabeth Baggs. The general arose from his chair and went out to meet her at the front door. From there he conducted her into a room where they could confer together alone.

"What luck?"

"I struck their wires within their lines midway between Murfreesboro and MacMinnville at midnight, and no one was near. I threw my wire over the line and made my connections with my instrument. I waited till nearly daylight before any messages of importance came along, though dispatches were passing all the while. At last one came in cipher. I took it down, but as we haven't the key I fear it will avail us nothing."

"Let me see it," said the general.

Miss Baggs handed him a piece of paper on which was written:

> MURFREESBORO, Tenn., June 26, 1863.
> Volunteers Garfield with circling between you procession turn an be cob Bumble at to get that position by more Benjamin pony chief rapidity around that put of the hours ready shingle to notice enemy's Tullahoma your point the by of polliwog of plateau Niggard if desire and hope forward to halve more we right I command and mountain order staff.

The general read the dispatch over carefully, and then, looking up at Miss Baggs, remarked:

"Balked!"

"Can't it be interpreted, general?"

"I fear not without the key. It is doubtless an important dispatch, and I shall send it at once to general headquarters. If they can decipher it, they are welcome to do so. I don't care to try it."

Calling an aid-de-camp, the general bade him carry the message to the army telegraph station, a short distance to the rear, and repeat it to General Bragg.

"General," said Miss Baggs in an undertone, "if you will let me have the original or a copy, I will try to decipher it. I may find a clew that will aid me hereafter, though I fear it will be too late to take advantage of information contained in this one."

"Certainly. Lieutenant, return the dispatch I have given you to this lady after it has been repeated."

The officer departed. The general turned again to Miss Baggs with a serious look.

"Do you know that you are engaged in a very hazardous service?"

"Perfectly."

"And do you understand the penalty if caught?"

"Death, I suppose."

"There's no telling whether it would be death or a long imprisonment in the case of a woman. A man would hang."

Miss Baggs' countenance changed from an expression of indifference to one of those flashes of the superhuman attributes that lurk within the human soul.

"Am I to make anything of my life when thousands of the south's defenders are giving theirs every day? Have I not seen our homes laid desolate? Have I not seen my brothers, my friends, those I have loved, those I have played with as children, cut down by either bullet or disease? For months I have devoted myself to the care of the sick in the hospitals. There I learned to dread a long continuance of this struggle. There I conceived the idea of doing something to win success for our armies by giving them an advantage not possessed by the enemy. I consulted one high in rank. 'How can I give my life to the best advantage?' I asked. 'In the secret service.' 'Point the way.' 'Do you know anything of telegraphy?' 'No, but I can learn.' 'Go and study a month and then come to me.' For a month I studied night and day. I learned to read words from the clicking of the keys as readily as I can read letters. I returned to my adviser. You know the rest."

The general paced the floor with a clouded brow.

"I dread a catastrophe," he said, "in the case of one inspired by such noble sentiments. I dread to see a woman exposed to ignominy, perhaps death."

"If that time comes, general, God will give me strength to bear it."

The general was silent a moment and then asked abruptly:

"Is your brother aware of what you are doing?"

"He is."

"And he consents?"

"He does not. We are individuals. He is one of the noblest of the south's legitimate defenders, but he is not responsible for my acts, one of its illegitimate machines."

"The pitcher that goes often to the well is at last broken."

"Then some one else will spring up to carry on the work."

"God grant that the day may be far distant—that it may never come. I can hardly approve of it, though you are working in my cause."

"General," said the woman, her face again lighting as if inspired by some absorbing thought, "each side has an organized secret service. What general would dare report to his government that he had acquired information which would enable him to destroy his enemy, but it had been obtained by illegitimate means, and he would not take advantage of it? Yet what general would care to be called a spy himself? We are engaged in a terrible struggle. Before its close any and all means will be used to conquer. Cities will be burned, vast districts will be laid waste. Must I cease to employ the most effective method of all because I am doing illegitimate work? Is my work more illegitimate than trying to conquer a people fighting for their independence?"

The general made no reply for a time.

"Yours is a singular family," he said presently. "You are all alike, and yet you differ."

"We are united in the cause, we differ as to the means."

The interview was interrupted by the ringing of a dinner bell in the hall. The general called a negro and bade him show Miss Baggs to a room up stairs, to which she retired for a few minutes. The servant brought in her belongings from the buggy, together with the little box. When she came down stairs, the party were waiting for her before going in to dinner. Souri, who had seen her covered by the sunbonnet and her eyes screened with glasses, was astonished. She saw a woman three or four years older than herself, the beauty of her head and neck contrasting with the homeliness of her costume. Miss Baggs noticed Souri's surprise, and going up to her took both her hands and kissed her cheek.

"You sweet child," she said feelingly, "you can't get over my appearance when you met me on the road this morning, can you? What a fright must I have seemed to you! I don't care for those Yankee officers, but bless your innocent heart I can't bear to have shocked you."

Souri did not reply in words, but she looked at Miss Baggs admiringly.

"Don't think hard of me," the latter went on, drawing Souri aside and motioning the rest to go on into the dining room. "I do only what I believe to be a duty, for you must suspect that I keep a secret. You could not play a part beneath you, child. You are too loving, too innocent, and you wonder how any other woman can."

"I did once."

"When?"

"Before I went to school."

"For your country?"

"No."

Miss Baggs looked into Souri's deep eyes and asked softly:

"For love?"

Souri dropped her eyes to the floor, but her questioner, who by this time had put an arm around her, received no reply.

"Come," she said, "let us not torture each other. I see we both have our secrets."

She led the way to the dinner room, where the general and his staff were standing waiting for the two women. The party were joined by Farmer Slack and Jakey, and all sat down at a signal from the general.

CHAPTER IV.

A GUERRILLA'S HOME.

"A dispatch for you, general."

An aid-de-camp entered, followed by a tall, bronzed Confederate cavalryman with very muddy boots and a southern sombrero on his head. In his hand he carried a sealed envelope, on the left hand corner of which was printed, "Official business."

"Why not bring it yourself?" asked the general, evidently put out at being interrupted at dinner.

"The messenger says that he was instructed to deliver it to no one but yourself. It is from general headquarters."

The man stalked in, his accouterments rattling as he did so, and removing his hat handed the general the communication. He opened it, and seeing that it was in cipher handed it to a member of his staff who possessed the key and directed him to unravel it. It read as follows:

> HEADQUARTERS ARMY OF TENNESSEE, June 27, 1863.
> To General ——, Commanding Cavalry on Extreme Right:
> Mir rrwro lrddrx mvrrr lat krxm m abpy mfnfhss ut tixwrax dart ns mirwo gb igiq vvim kitvq gs tlaga mikkingmfy fo lvdivkwvgs. Egzl jwpzy tx bagw
> BRAXTON BRAGG, Com'd'g.

Scarcely had the general given the dispatch over for interpretation when another from the same source, which had come by telegraph, was handed him also, evidently an inextricable jumble of letters. This, too, was taken up by the cipher officer. In the course of half an hour he handed interpretations of both to his chief. The first read as follows:

> The enemy having taken the gaps, I will abandon my present line. Be ready to form rear guard to troops retreating by University. Move south at once.

Here is the second.

> Enemy's telegram in cipher received. Cannot Miss Baggs secure information of the enemy's intentions as to following this army across the Tennessee? Such information would enable us to be prepared if he attacks in concentrated form or cut him up in detail if he divides.

The general gave the two messages a few minutes' consideration, and then, dismissing the aid who had interpreted them, directed him to inform Miss Baggs that he would like to see her.

When she entered, the general handed her the interpreted copies of the two dispatches.

"Here is a more important work for you than any you have yet attempted," he said.

She read both the dispatches and then thought a few minutes.

"I am ready to undertake it, general," she said, "but without much hope of success. I must first succeed in taking off a message in which the plan of the Yankees is given or hinted at so clearly as to be inferred, and then it must be interpreted, for it will surely be in cipher."

"If you could succeed in both, you would insure us victory in the west, and that would be half the battle to the cause."

"I will undertake it."

"You will be exposed to a frightful danger."

"You know, general, that I have devoted my life to this work. I consider that as already sacrificed."

"We move from here at once, as you see by the order just received."

"I will go with you a part of the way and watch an opportunity to slip back behind the Union lines."

With that Miss Baggs went out, and the general began his preparations to cover the retreat of the right of the Confederate army.

No further attention was paid to Farmer Slack and his family. Evidently there was business of greater importance on hand. They went out on to the doorstep, where they stood wondering what was going on about them. Every one was stirring. An orderly dashed up to the door leading an officer's horse saddled and bridled. An [illegible] the house, and mounting [illegible] rode away. A man from an upper window called out to him:

"What's up?"

"They've secured the gaps."

"Which?"

"Liberty and Hoover's. All of 'em."

"Well, what of it?"

"What of it? It means retreat." And before the last word was spoken he was out of sight.

In a few minutes a bugle was heard. Its tones had scarcely died away [illegible] the camp was alive with men preparing to move.

"JAKEY," WHISPERED FARMER SLACK

The farmer determined to get his children into the wagon as soon as possible. He had been given his pass, which, for the present at least, was likely to be of little use, as he would simply follow the army. The party lost no time in getting to the wagon, got into it and drove down the road. But they were too late. The way was choked with horsemen and wagons, and they were soon brought to a halt. The general dashed past, with his staff, and who should be by his side, her slender form covered with a gray riding skirt, a sombrero on her head, with a jaunty cock's feather encircling the crown, but Miss Baggs. Seeing the farmer's wagon waiting by the roadside, she reined in Bobby Lee beside Souri and took her hand.

"Goodby, my dear. I trust that your innocent heart will not have to suffer more than the rest of us during the continuance of this fearful struggle. You know we are all being tried in a fiery furnace. We'll meet again. [illegible] If you ever need any help or protection when our army is near, hunt up Bet. Baggs."

"What's th' chicken coop?" called Jakey as she rode away.

"What chicken coop?"

"Th' one on wheels."

"Oh, the buggy," she said, smiling. "I left that for the Yankees to pick up when they come along."

"Rats'll be ridin inter it, I reckon."

"If he can find it, he's welcome to it," and with a laugh she dashed after the rest.

Farmer Slack only succeeded in getting a few miles on the way before nightfall. Then, coming to a small village, he made up his mind that it would be better to sleep there than attempt to go on through a country being abandoned by one force to be immediately occupied by another. He knew well the crowded condition of the roads and the perils of night travel. So singling out a house beside the road, which was the main street of the place, and seeing a woman standing in the door, he asked if she would give him and his party a night's lodging.

"Reckon I kin keep you [illegible] but hain't got no stablin fo' the critters."

"Oh, I kin find a place fo' them uns," said Slack, and handing out his daughter she went into the house with Jakey, while the farmer drove off to find shelter for the horses. Jakey wished to go with him, but his father bade him stay with Souri.

The woman of the house was depressed. She was not strong, and the continued successive occupation of the country by Union and Confederate troops for more than a year had completely worn her out.

And now another shifting was at hand. At first she had spoken her sentiments freely. They were with the Confederacy, but lately she had come to endeavoring to find out the sentiments of strangers before betraying her own. Wondering whether she was harboring Unionists or secessionists, she began to question Jakey.

"Reckon you uns live nigh 'bout hyar, don't y', boy?"

"Nigh outer th' Sequach."

"Let me fill that kettle for you," said Souri, seeing the woman about to take up a wooden bucket she was scarcely able to lift. The woman [illegible] and went on making inquiries of Jakey.

"Thur mixed over thar'. Some's Union, 'n some's secesh. Which air yer paw?"

"Waal, I ben ter skule a year, 'n paw he mought 'a' changed sence I went away."

"Don't say 'mought,' Jakey, dear," said Souri.

The woman looked at Jakey inquiringly.

"Y' couldn't 'a' l'arned much at skule ef y' reckon a man's goin ter change sides in this hyar fight. Th' git wusser 'n wusser. Still ef ye'd ben hyar ye'd l'arned thet. Reckon y' ben no'th to skule?"

"We have been north—in Ohio," said Souri as she put the kettle on the stove.

It was midnight at the little frame house where slept the Slack family. Farmer Slack was awakened by a pounding at the front door. Then he heard the woman by whom they were sheltered get up, and going to the door let some one in. The partition was thin, and every word that was said could be plainly heard.

"Lordy, Ben, whar did y' come from?" asked the woman.

"Tullahomy."

"Whar y' goin ter?"

"Up inter the mountings."

"What fur?"

"Ter lay low till the armies move on south. Then we uns 're goin ter hang in the tailons of the Yanks. Thar's better foodin than thur is behind Confederates."

"Oh, Ben, I wish you'd stop this business. Go 'n jine one o' the armies. I don't keer which. Only stop this kind o' work."

"Polly, you know I've been driv to 't. What have they left us? Nothin but this house. Ef I didn't rake among the refuse that the Yankees leave behind 'em, whar w'd you 'n th' children be?"

"But why air y' leavin now, Ben? What does 't all mean, the men goin south? Hain't th' goin ter fight at Tullyhomy?"

"Thar gittin outen Tullyhomy this very minute."

"How d'ye know?"

"I kem from thar this afternoon. The trains were goin outen the place loaded with supplies. What's them things doin thar?"

He pointed to some of the belongings of the Slack family. The farmer could hear the woman caution her husband to speak low, but by that time Slack's ear was at a crack.

"Ther's a family hyar stayin all night," she whispered.

"Any critters?"

"Two, but I don't want y' ter take 'em, Ben. It's onnateral. Thar's a sweet young gal as helped me git supper, 'n I wouldn't hev nothin happen to her fur the world."

"I won't take thur critters tel after y' git me somep'n ter eat. Come, be lively, my dear. I haven't had a square meal in two days."

"What's the gang?"

"I left 'em a mile t'other side o' th' town. We got ter git inter th' mountings afore th' Federals come along. Whar air the young uns?"

"In thar."

The farmer could see the man go into a room into which the candle from the one adjoining cast a dim light. The [illegible] the little ones, put his [illegible] down beside the second, [illegible] and groaned.

"[illegible]," [illegible] Farmer Slack.

[illegible] could not make it known [illegible] father had clapped his hand [illegible] mouth.

"Be still, [illegible] till I git yer clothes. Don't [illegible] no sound fo' yer life. Thar's [illegible] th' house."

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ANNOUNCEMENTS.

We are authorized to announce the name of John W. Campbell, of Kane, as a candidate for nomination for the office of County Treasurer, subject to the decision of the Republican county convention.

We are authorized to announce the name of James A. McKean, of Smethport, as a candidate for nomination for the office of County Treasurer, subject to the decision of the Republican county convention.

We are authorized to announce the name of Thomas B. Clark, of Bradford, as a candidate for nomination for the office of County Treasurer, subject to the decision of the Republican County Convention.

REPUBLICAN COUNTY CONVENTION.

BRADFORD, PA., April 19, 1895.

To the Republican Electors of McKean County:

Pursuant to action of Republican County Committee, notice is hereby given that a Republican County Convention will be held at the Court House at Smethport on Tuesday, the 11th day of June, 1895, at two o'clock in the afternoon for the purpose of nominating a candidate for County Treasurer and electing two delegates to the Republican State Convention to be held at Harrisburg on a day to be hereafter named, and for the transaction of any other business that may be properly presented.

Primaries for the election of delegates to said County Convention (two from each district) and members of the county committee for the ensuing year (one from each district) will be held in each of the respective election districts of the county, at the regular polling places, on Saturday, the 8th day of June next, between the hours of seven o'clock and nine o'clock in the evening, excepting in such election districts where the hours have been changed.

T. B. CLARK, Chairman.

A. D. GOULD, Secretary.

NEW YORK CITY now has an able board of Police Commissioners, Theodore Roosevelt, Andrew D. Parker and Col. Fred D. Grant.

THEODORE ROOSEVELT, who has so long held the position on the board of the civil service commission with great honor to himself and pleasure to his many Republican admirers, has resigned from that office and been appointed by Mayor Strong of New York as one of the board of Police Commissioners. The nation is the loser but New York City gains by the shift. William G. Rice formerly ex Gov David B. Hill's private secretary has been appointed to the position made vacant by the resignation of Mr Roosevelt.

THE next national campaign of the Democratic party ought to be smooth sailing, as they have had two years to manufacture political thunder. How proudly the Democratic stump speaker will take his position before the people and tell them of the wonderful measures his party has introduced for the benefit of mankind. How grand he will appear as he tells his happy listeners of the passage of the Wilson bill, and how wonderfully it has improved the business of the country. He will say "my fellow citizens see what our great party has accomplished for you; mills and factories that were running night and day and disturbing your calm and peaceful rest, trouble you no more by their noise. Now when you are weary there will be none of these disturbances to deprive you of much needed rest. My countrymen, it is true we failed to repeal the ten per cent tax on state banks, but where so much has been accomplished for your benefit, you certainly ought to overlook this little matter of the State banks. Of course in suppressing the noise of the factories, our revenues ran considerably behind, involving the nation in debt and necessitating the issuing of bonds. But where so much has been accomplished for your good, you should not murmur over such trifles. Then, fellow citizens, observe if you please, the income tax. Was there ever a body of statesmen as able as composed our past Congress. Never before was a bill passed by any previous Congress so finely planned and so ably drawn up as the income tax bill. What other measure ever passed the houses of Congress that so puzzled that great and august body, the Supreme Court of the United States? Never before in history of our country was a bill brought before our able solons that they found so difficult to solve and this measure will stand upon our nation's statutes as the ablest law that was ever passed. My fellow citizens, if the Democratic party could have remained in power a year or two more it would have become necessary to manufacture a new Supreme Court as the present one would have been unable to have solved the mighty problems that would have come before them." And when he pleads with his audience for the election of Democratic Congressmen, how quickly the people will respond to his request. Secretary Carlisle's treasury report can also be used to great advantage in advancing the cause of Democracy; the reports on imports will make very good electioneering matter, if the Democrats will only use them. When a party can go before the people on such a record as the Democracy will be able to produce, there can be no question of success. And furthermore, they have clearly shown their ability to rule. Henry Clay Evans, who was elected Governor of Tennessee by a majority of over 700, has been counted out, and ex-Governor Turney has been given the plum. This will add new luster to the Democratic party and should give them the victory.

THE Democratic party is always for something free. It has advocated free whisky and Free-Trade, and of course it must next declare for free silver. The only thing which the Democrats did not free was the negro.—Cleveland *Leader*, April 8, 1895.

THE plate glass trust has been organized with a capital of ten million dollars. Still the Democrats revised the Tariff less than a year ago under a pledge to the people that there should be no more trusts.—Cleveland *Leader*, April 8, 1895.

Reduced Rates to Denver, Col., via Pennsylvania Railroad.

For the accommodation of persons who desire to visit Colorado on the occasion of the meeting of the National Educational Association, at Denver, Col., July 5 to 12, the Pennsylvania Railroad Company will sell excursion tickets on July 3, 4, and 5, to Denver, Colorado Springs, Manitou and Pueblo, at the extremely low rate of $50.75 from New York, $49.25 from Philadelphia, $47.50 from Baltimore and Washington, $47.25 from Harrisburg, proportionate rates from other points.

These tickets will be good for return passage from Colorado points on July 12, 14, 14 and 15, with an extension until September 1, if desired.

WASHINGTON LETTER.

(From our Special Correspondent.)

WASHINGTON, May 6, 1895.—About the coolest thing of the season, and it has been a cold spring, is the attempt of the administration to make it appear that it was its diplomatic representations which prevented the loading of Nicaragua upon the British war vessels and its removal from the map of Central America. This attempt does not come directly from the administration, which still keeps up its mysterious silence upon anything relating to our foreign relations, but from the Washington sources it usually makes use when it wishes to get something before the public in the way of "taffy" for itself. Just to show how the matter is viewed in diplomatic circles, the following is quoted from a private conversation. "Great Britian," said a diplomat of wide reputation, "seems to have had the Cleveland under its thumb, so to speak, from first last, but there was something it feared more than the administration, and that something was public opinion in the United States, which it was thoroughly posted upon and knew to be dangerous to trifle with. That is the full reason for John Bull's evacuating Nicaraguan territory. He doesn't want a war with the U. S., and he knows that public opinion in this country would have made war inevitable had he followed his usual policy and held on to what he had."

Washington has for years been the favorite resort of the Gorman and anti-Gorman forces in the hot campaigns they have waged for the control of the State of Maryland, and it is in Washington that the plans of the present contestants are being drawn up and perfected. These contests have ended in a series of victories for Senator Gorman, and were it not that the Republicans have a chance for it this time—a good chance, many believe—there would be little doubt of this one having the same ending. Gorman, like every other man who has built up a large and strong personal following, has made it a rule to stand by those who stand by him, consequently he has one of the best organized and most effective State party machines in existance, which has easily defeated the efforts of some of the most prominent Democrats of Maryland to break Gorman's hold on the Democratic party of the State. This year the National administration will cast the weight of its influence against the Gorman machine, while the anti's are being led by ex Representative Rayner, a Hebrew, who represented one of the Baltimore districts in Congress for three terms, and who makes no secret of his desire to succeed Mr. Gorman in the Senate. The older Democrats who have fought Gorman for years have allowed Rayner to come to the front as leader this year, which is of itself a pointer. The Republicans of Maryland say they are thoroughly alive to the situation and that they expect to elect the governor this year.

Representative Baker, of New Hampshire, who is now in Washington, says of some recent events: "So far as the administration has permitted the people to know its policy in regard to Nicaragua, it is pusillanimous in the extreme, and should be reprobated by every man, woman and child in America. It is a strange commentary upon a government by the people and for the people that the people are compelled to secure the information in regard to the purposes of their own government from the London press. It so happens that under Constitution the President is for nine months in autocratic control of the government. He can commit us to any policy he pleases, he can outrage all our feelings of patriotism and the Representatives of the people, duly elected, are powerless during that period. I think Congress ought to be in session now. There ought to be an amendment to the Constitution, authorizing the presiding officers of the Senate and House to convene them in session upon the written application of one third of the members. If we had some such a rule in force now an application [illegible] tra session of Congress to preserve and uphold the American nation and keep it from being made a laughing stock among the nations would be signed in no time and the Representatives of the people, as well as the President would have a voice in public affairs."

It is well known that Mr Cleveland has the bad habit of allowing his personal likes and dislikes to enter largely into his public acts, more largely perhaps than any other President. Still it is difficult to believe the current rumor, that he intends to appoint Major Gen. Ruger to the command of the army, when Gen. Schofield retires next September although Major General Miles who is the senior officer [illegible] clearly entitled to the honor. The reason that Gen. Miles is to be deprived of the honor he ought to have is said to be that his report on the Chicago railroad strike—it will be remembered that Gen. Miles was in command of the troops ordered out to protect mail trains and government property—contained some language which Mr Cleveland considered a reflection upon his orders as to how the strike should be dealt with.

DUN'S REPORT

Business began in May in better condition than at any other time since the break down in May 1893. Smaller in volume than then, it is not now shrinking, but is enlarging. The chief obstacle to a more complete recovery is the anxiety of many to pluck fruit before it is ripe. Holders of some staples have lifted them so far as to prevent their marketing, consumption of materials in some branches is checked by advances which cannot be realized for finished products. Workers in some instances are demanding wages that can not be paid out of any business in sight. In spite of labor troubles and speculative excesses, the outlook brightens; money markets continue healthy, and with heavy sales of railway bonds abroad the deficiency in public revenue $8,742,840 in April causes no apprehension.

Demands for full restoration of wages to the level of 1893 have closed many woolen mills, and threaten to close others employing about 9,000 hands at Olneyville and about Providence, and have arrested work at other mills of some importance already. Similar demands are made in cotton mills of Massachusetts. The strike which closed iron furnaces at New Castle, Pa., which has just ended without success, but other strikes have stopped numerous works about Pittsburg. Pocahontas coke workers are on strike, and one is threatened by Alabama coal miners. Exaggerated accounts of recovery in business, so often published and sometimes prompted by manufacturers themselves, make it not entirely strange if operatives fail to see that the business done in the great industries is without profit, and much of the working force is still unemployed.

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MT. ALTON

W. P. Hanes was compelled to have his fine driving horse, "Kit," shot on the 29th ult., the animal having been kicked on the shoulder by another horse and injured so badly that recovery was impossible.

A donation for the benefit of Mrs. Brandon, whose husband was taken violently insane some weeks ago, is to be held at the I O O F hall on the afternoon and evening of May 16.

Prof. Salem Parker and sister closed their musical conventions in this section last week, and on Monday left for Custer City.

Geo. Graff has an early garden under way, and if frosts keep off will have produce a month earlier than usual.

Forest fires are getting quite near. John Farley sent out a force of men Monday night to protect his old lease.

Prof. Cannon is talking of conducting a select school for four weeks, term to commence next Monday.

Our schools close Wednesday with a picnic in which our whole town will participate.

Robert Hilton has so far recovered from his recent illness as to be able to take short drives.

H. J. Sherwin is home from Centerville this week, looking after his garden.

Mr and Mrs Eastabrook, of Johnsonburg, are spending a few weeks here.

Miss Mary McCarten is home from a prolonged stay at Buffalo.

Miss Lizzie Murray spent several days at West Line this week.

Mrs. Stauffer visited at Bradford several days last week.

Mrs. Ed. Cooney was at West Line last week.

Mrs. Fred Coats was at Bradford last Tuesday.

Electric Bitters.

This remedy is becoming so well known and so popular as to need no special mention. All who have used Electric Bitters sing the same song of praise.—A purer medicine does not exist and it is guaranteed to do all that is claimed. Electric Bitters will cure all diseases of the Liver and Kidneys, will remove Pimples, Boils, Salt Rheum and other affections caused by impure blood. Will drive malaria from the system and prevent as well as cure all malarial fevers. For cure of headache, constipation and Indigestion try Electric Bitters.—Entire satisfaction guaranteed, or money refunded.—Price 50 cts. and $1.00 per bottle at F. R. Foster's and A. B. Armstrong's Drug Store.

Two Lives Saved.

Mrs. Phoebe Thomas, of Junction, Ill., was told by her doctors she had Consumption and that there was no hope for her, but two bottles Dr. King's New Discovery completely cured her and she says it saved her life. Thos. Eggers 139 Florida street, San Francisco, suffered from a dreadful cold, approaching Consumption, tried without result everything else then bought one bottle of Dr. King's New Discovery and in two weeks was cured. He is naturally thankful. It is such results of which these are samples that prove the wonderful efficacy of this medicine in Coughs and Colds. Free trial bottles at F. R. Foster and A. B. Armstrong drug stores. Regular size 50c and $1.00.

Sick Headache, constipation and indigestion are quickly cured by De Witt's Little Early Risers, the famous little pills. A. W. Colegrove.

Specimen Cases.

S. H. Clifford, New Castle, Wis., was troubled with Neuralgia and Rheumatism, his Stomach was disordered, his Liver was affected to an alarming degree, appetite fell away, and he was terribly reduced in flesh and strength. Three bottles of Electric Bitters cured him.

Edward Shepherd, Harrisburg, Ill., had a running sore on his leg of eight years standing. Used three bottles of Electric Bitters and seven boxes Bucklen's Arnica Salve, and his leg is sound and well. John Speaker, Catawba, O., had five large fever sores on his leg, doctors said he was incurable. One bottle of Electric Bitters and one box of Arnica Salve cured him entirely. Sold at F. R. Foster's and A. B. Armstrong's Drug Store.

T. F. Anthony, Ex Postmaster of Promise City, Iowa, says: "I bought one bottle of Mystic Cure for Rheumatism and two doses of it did me more good than all the medicine I ever took." Sold by A. B. Armstrong, Druggist, Smethport, Pa.

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"For a long time I had a terrible pain at my heart, which fluttered almost incessantly. I had no appetite and could not sleep. I would be compelled to sit up in bed and belch gas from my stomach until I thought that every minute would be my last. There was a feeling of oppression about my heart, and I was afraid to draw a full breath. I could not sweep a room without resting. My husband induced me to try

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and am happy to say it has cured me. I now have a splendid appetite and sleep well. Its effect was truly marvelous."

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Dr. Miles Heart Cure is sold on a positive guarantee that the first bottle will benefit. All druggists sell it at $1, 6 bottles for $5, or it will be sent, prepaid, on receipt of price by the Dr. Miles Medical Co., Elkhart, Ind.

Notice.

THE FOLLOWING ACCOUNTS OF EXecutors [illegible] having been [illegible] the Register the same will be presented for confirmation at the Orphans' Court to be held at Smethport in and for the County of McKean and State of Pennsylvania, on the third day of June A. D. 1895, at 2 o'clock p. m.

First and final account of Dora Marks, executrix of the last will and testament of Abraham Marks, deceased.

First and final account of David Howells, [illegible] and W. B. [illegible], executors of the last will and testament of Henry Thomas, deceased.

First and partial account of W. J. Hogan, administrator of the estate of Ellis Urquhart, deceased.

Second and final account of Lisa C. Bronson, administratrix of the estate of W. W. Bronson, deceased.

First and final account of Thomas L. Bartwell, administrator of the estate of Charles Wolcott, deceased.

First and final account of F. E. Baldwin, administrator of the estate of Ralph Crummire, deceased.

First and final account of F. W. Hastings, guardian of Laura E. Hannon, minor child of John F. Hannon, deceased.

First and final account of O. H. Dana, guardian of Minnie A. McGill, minor child of Frank Dana, deceased.

GEO. W. MITCHELL, Register.
H. M. CHOATE, Deputy.
Smethport, Pa., May 6th, 1895. 19-4t.

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Notice.

In the matter of petition of Samuel Christenson to have Mortgage given Valentine Glatt satisfied of record.	In the Court of Common Pleas of McKean County. No. 221, June Term, 1895.

To all parties concerned:

Please take notice that on the 19th day of April A. D., 1895, Samuel Christenson presented his petition to the Court of Common Pleas of McKean county, Penna., which has been entered and filed therein at the above number and term. The said petition sets forth the following facts, viz.:

That on the second day of April A. D., 1873, the said Samuel Christenson, made, executed and delivered to Valentine Glatt a certain indenture of mortgage upon a farm containing 63¼ acres situate in Wetmore township, McKean county, Pa., to secure the payment of the sum of six hundred dollars in four payments of $150.00 each, which mortgage is recorded in the office of the Recorder of Deeds of McKean county in Mortgage Book Vol. "B," page 438, &c. That payment was made by the said Samuel Christenson of all the money of amount due thereon more than seven years prior to the presentation of the petition aforesaid. That the said Valentine Glatt, the legal holder of said mortgage has died without entering satisfaction upon the record of the same, and that the said Samuel Christenson is the owner of the mortgaged premises.

Wherefore you the said parties named, to-wit the legal representatives of Valentine Glatt, deceased, and any and all other parties concerned, are hereby required to be and appear at the June Term of the Court of Common Pleas of McKean county, Penna., to be held at Smethport, Penna., on the third day of June A. D., 1895, at 2 o'clock p. m., to answer the said petition.

A. B. WALKER, Sheriff.
Smethport, May 7, 1895. 19-4t.

Notice in Divorce.

A. D. No. 9 December Term, 1894.

McKEAN COUNTY, ss.—THE COMMONwealth of Pennsylvania to the sheriff of said county, greeting:

Whereas, Clara Weldon did, on the 1st day of October 1894, prefer her petition to our said Judges of the said Court of Common Pleas of said County praying for the causes therein set forth she might be divorced from the bonds of matrimony entered into with you, George W. Weldon.

We therefore command you, the said George W. Weldon, that setting aside all other business and excuses whatsoever you be and appear in your proper person before our Judges at Smethport at a Court of Common Pleas there to be held for the County of McKean, on the first Monday of June next, to answer the petition or libel of said Clara Weldon and show cause, if any you have, why the said Clara Weldon, your wife, should not be divorced from the bonds of matrimony, agreeably to the Acts of Assembly in such cases made and provided. Herein fail not.

A true copy. A. B. WALKER, Sheriff.
Mullin & Mullin, Libellant's Attorney.
Smethport, Pa., May 9 1895.

Notice in Divorce.

A. D. No. 53 December Term 1894.

McKEAN COUNTY, ss.—THE COMMONwealth of Pennsylvania, to the sheriff of said county, greeting:

Whereas, Allen W. Hamm did on the 8th day of October 1894, prefer his petition to our said Judges of the said Court of Common Pleas of said county praying for the causes therein set forth he might be divorced from the bonds of matrimony entered into with you, Minnie E. Hamm.

We therefore command you, the said Minnie E. Hamm, that setting aside all other business and excuses whatsoever, you be and appear in your proper person before our Judges at Smethport, at a Court of Common Pleas there to be held for the County of McKean on the first Monday of June next, to answer the petition or libel of said Allen W. Hamm and to show cause, if any you have, why the said Allen W. Hamm, your husband, should not be divorced from the bonds of matrimony, agreeably to the Acts of Assembly in such cases made and provided. Herein fail not.

A true copy. A. B. WALKER, Sheriff.
J. W. Bouton, Libellant's Attorney.
Smethport, Pa., May 9, 1895.

Notice in Divorce.

A. D. No. 119 December Term 1894.

McKEAN COUNTY, ss.—THE COMMONwealth of Pennsylvania to the sheriff of said county, greeting:

Whereas, Hannah B. Kehmond [illegible] did on the 31st day of October 1894, prefer her petition to our said Judges of the said Court of Common Pleas [illegible] praying for the causes therein set forth she might be divorced from the bonds of matrimony entered into with you, Charles E. Kehmond.

We therefore command you the said Charles E. Kehmond that setting aside all other business and excuses whatsoever you be and appear in your proper person before our Judges at Smethport, at a Court of Common Pleas there to be held for the County of McKean on the 1st Monday [illegible] next to answer the petition or libel of the said Hannah B. Kehmond [illegible] why [illegible] not be divorced from the bonds of matrimony agreeably to the Acts of Assembly [illegible]. Herein fail not.

A true copy. A. B. WALKER, Sheriff.
[illegible] Libellant's Attorney.
Smethport, Pa., May [illegible] 1895.

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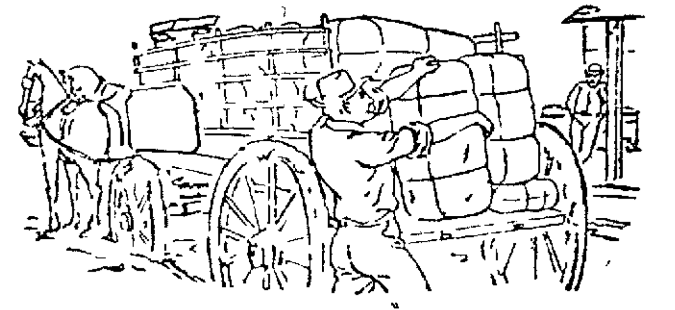
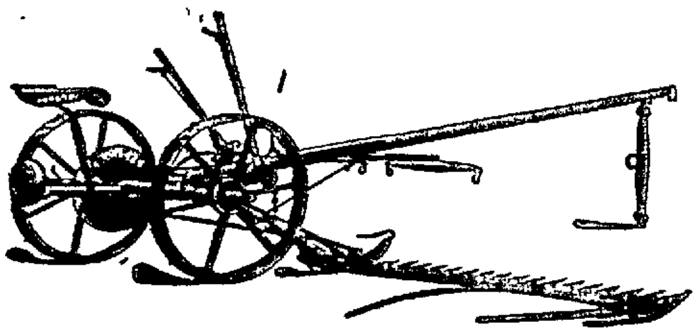


UNLOADING

Our new goods recently purchased in New York and among them you will find all the latest things in Dress Goods, Notions, Boots and Shoes for Men, Women and Children. "Don't get in a rut" is a motto quite as pertinent as Toney Weller's advice about "widders" and it is a policy which has been followed in our recent large purchases, and you will do well to look over the goods which are now being unloading in our store for the Spring Trade. Honest goods for reasonable prices is the only system of square dealing, and that's our plan of doing business.

D. C. YOUNG.

Ask PALMER & JONES



In regard to this advertisement. They will surprise you.

BELL BROTHERS.

OLEAN, N. Y.

A SOAP SALE SATURDAY MORNING.

You may think it a strange thing to do but we don't. We want you to look at our show window, and see if you will be interested in this sale. Note our prices.

COCO CASTILE, pure white and just the thing for the toilet and bath, price 3c a cake, or 33c a doz. "Lambs Wool" 3 cakes in a box, 10c a box. "Hazel Cream Buttermilk" 21c a box. "Cuticura Medicinal" 19c, Cashmere Bouquet, 21c.

Ladies' Separate Skirts at Special Sale. We have the latest styles lined with kid finished Cambric, Percaline or silk at record breaking prices. We wish we might quote prices, but cannot spare the room.

New Capes and Summer Wraps. We haven't heard of a house in town that is selling new and stylish Capes for so little money. Our prices tell the story.

Underwear. Ladies' spun silk vests 59c each. Ladies' Lisle thread vests, 25c. Ladies' Egyptian Lisle 19c each. Children's fine gossamer vests, all sizes at special low prices. These warm days make our Hosiery and Underwear Department rushed with buyers.

The latest addition to our already large and Growing Establishment. A fully equipped Furniture department.

Entire 3rd floor. Take elevator. Specials for this week: 25 solid Oak and Cherry stands, nicely finished, 79c each. 15 solid oak center tables handsomely finished $2.39. The sales on furniture have started out with a rush and we are much gratified. Furniture at Dry Goods profits is the magnets that draws to us.

BELL BROTHERS.

OLEAN, N. Y.

THE RUSH IS ON.

Every Department Crowded to its Utmost Capacity. Stock, Styles and Prices the Levers that Bring the Masses to our Doors.

CHAMBER SUITS. Think of 46 styles to select from—our second floor a sea of bed room furniture. Here are gathered the best products of the leading factories. A leader is a handsome Antique or Maple Suit for $12.00, worth $16.00. Better grades equally as low.

SIDE BOARD. New shapes in artistic designs and finish. A special is a Solid Oak Board at $7.50. A large line to select from—prices never so low.

DINING ROOM TABLES. Forty styles to select from—$4.50 to $65.00. A beauty at $6.50. You can furnish your dining room nicely for very little money.

BABY WAGONS. Does the baby need a new wagon? We show the best and most improved line of baby cabs ever shown in Olean. The *Sweet Novelty Spring* has a world-wide reputation. Prices from $6.00. A special upholstered in silk plush, satin parasol, at $10.00.

OUR CARPET BUSINESS is a constant surprise to us. It's larger and more of it every week. A special in Wilton Velvets at $1.05, sewed, 25 patterns with and without borders. *All Wool* Ingrains 40c, 50c, 55c, 60c and 65c. Japanese Rugs, Draperies, Mattings, Linoleums and everything to make home beautiful at little cost.

We Pack and Deliver all our Goods Free of Charge.

ANDREWS & CONKLING,
127 & 129 Union St. - OLEAN, N. Y.

GET A COLUMBIA!

The best is ever the cheapest. You will have few or no repairs with a

COLUMBIA

and your content in the possession of this unequaled Machine will be worth ALL of its cost.

$100.00 WISE ECONOMY IN EVERY DOLLAR.

If you MUST have a Low Priced Machine buy the reliable HARTFORD, $80, $60. $50 for boys' and girls' sizes.

Send for Catalogue and Description.

MUDGE & BENJAMIN,
OLEAN, - - - NEW YORK.

CROCKERY.

The questions are these: Can the house which buys most buy cheapest? Must not the store which sells most sell cheapest? Can you not suit yourself best where you find the greatest variety?

We buy most. We sell most. We display the largest variety?

Don't make a mistake when you want to buy crockery.

RUBBER PAINT.

Rubber paint lasts. It doesn't look better when new than some other paints, but it looks better when a season old.

Some who have used it say it lasts five times as long as common paint. Three times as long would be safer.

Certainly not another paint in the world can compare with it.

ALL COLORS.

BICYCLES.

We sell bicycles this year—Not some kind made so cheaply that they move like a dray horse.

A man who rides a bicycle for fun wants to move fast. His wheel must be perfect in its mechanism.

We sell the Syracuse—the kind with crimson rims.

Come and see how you like them.

HARNESS.

This is a great Store for harness.

He is a hard man to please whom we cannot suit with a harness.

And if the harness suits the price suits.

No one else can sell harness as low as we can. We have the inside on buying. This is a great Store for harness.

L. EMERY, JR., & CO.,

(EMERY & WEAVER,)

BRADFORD, PENNA.

A Good Low-Priced Bicycle

WE don't advise your buying any bicycle but the best one made—the COLUMBIA—for the $100 it costs is wise economy, every dollar of it. But if you prefer to pay less, then we have lower-priced machines that we *know* will give you satisfaction. Patterns for men and women or boys and girls in THE HARTFORD $80 $60 $50

Come and examine. Beautiful Catalogue free if you call.

M. L. ARMSTRONG, Ag't. Smethport, Pa.

RETAIL

Lumber Dealers,

A MILLER & SON,
86 Kennedy St., Bradford, Pa.

Get our prices on Doors, Sash, Flooring, Siding, Shingles and all kinds of Finishing Lumber before placing any orders.

WE WILL SAVE YOU MONEY.

Spring and Summer MILLINERY.

I have received and am receiving my SPRING and SUMMER stock of fine MILLINERY. Call and inspect goods and get prices.

An elegant line of

LATEST STYLES

now on display

MRS. J. W. REILLY,
SMETHPORT, PA.

Dr. G. H. SNOW,

OCULIST AND OPTICIAN.

Diseases of the Eye a Specialty.

Spectacles Scientifically Adjusted.

Thoroughly equipped with all modern implements for successful work in this field.

Office Day—every Monday.

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EXAMINATION FREE.

H. C. WELLS,

DRUGGIST AND PHARMACIST,
OPERA HOUSE BLOCK,
Smethport, Pa.,
DEALER IN PURE

Drugs and Chemicals,
Trusses & Surgical Appliances.

Cloth and Paper Bound Books worth 50 cts. **15c.** You should see them. They're sure to please.

STATIONERY, FINE PERFUMERY,

Imported and Domestic Cigars.

Prescriptions carefully compounded.

Public Telephone to all Points.

Incorporation Notice.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT AN application will be made to the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas of McKean County, at Smethport on Tuesday, May 14th, 1895, under the Act of Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, entitled "An Act to provide for the incorporation and regulation of certain corporations," approved April 29th, 1874 and the various supplements thereto, for the charter of an intended corporation to be called "The Methodist Episcopal Church of Kane, Pennsylvania." The character and object whereof is for the support of public worship, subject to the provisions of the discipline and usages, and the ministerial appointments of the Methodist Episcopal Church of the United States of America as from time to time authorized and declared by the General Conference of said church, and the Annual Conference within whose bounds said corporation shall be situated, and for these purposes to have, possess and enjoy all the rights, benefits and privileges of the said Act of Assembly and its supplements.

M. W. MOFFIT,
O. B. LAY,
WILLIAM DODD, SR.,
T. J. HIRSCH,
T. S. JAMES
and others,
Applicants.

NEIL L. MACKWEN,
Attorney for Applicants. 16-4t.

Notice to Contractors.

THE SUPERVISORS OF KEATING TOWNship will receive bids for the erection of wooden abutments or stone abutments, also for truss bridge 50 feet span, located at Bingham station on Cole creek. The bids will be received at the bridge on Tuesday, May 7th, at 2 o'clock p. m. For specifications and other information see said supervisors.

A. T. STRANAHAN,
L. A. PATTERSON,
Supervisors.

17-2t

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Life, Fire and Accident
written by
W. F. SPECHT,
SMETHPORT, PA.
In good, reliable companies.

SARTWELL HOUSE,
PORT ALLEGANY, PA

Having recently purchased the above Hotel, and made extensive improvements, I am prepared to cater to the traveling public.

C. S. KING, PROPRIETOR.

Hotel La Mont.
RECENTLY ENLARGED.
Fraley St., Kane, Penna.
RICK DONOVAN, - - PROPRIETOR.

The LaMont is located four doors from the depot, and is equipped with all conveniences for the comfort of guests.

STADEL BROS' New United Shows

—AND—

Trained Animal Exhibition.

SMETHPORT, TUESDAY, MAY 21st.

Doors open, afternoon at one and evening at seven o'clock.

Admission 25 Cts.

Children under 9 years of age to afternoon show, 15 cents.

A Special Grand Free Show

Will be given on the show ground immediately after the grand street parade, introducing some novel and startling performances to which all are invited

—FREE.—

This show has everything new, up to date, and contains

Many Famous Foreign Novel Acts

never before introduced on the American continent, forming an altogether

Unprecedented Exhibitional Enterprise!

embodying more prominent and sterling attractions than any other show of its class in America. It has

Better, Bigger and More-Varied Grand Performances.

See the
Dashing Daring Acrobats.
Stalwart Herculean Athletes.
Skilled and Adroit Jugglers.
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Illustrious Leapers & Vaulters.
Mysterious Necromancers.
Phenomenal Trapezists.
Merry, Mirthful Clowns.
Lithe and Sinuous Contortionists.
Phenomenal High Wire Artists.
Adroit and Wonderful Postures.
Iron Jawed Men and Women.
Extraordinary Horizontal Bar Artists.
Standard Thoroughbred Horses.
Beautiful and Elegant Ponies.

A great many other meritorious and strange acts and performances that want of space in a newspaper advertisement precludes the possibility of enumerating. It is emphatically the most varied, most popular and best equipped show before the public. There is absolutely nothing that is interesting, attractive but what will be presented under our spacious canvass.

REMEMBER THE DAY AND DATE.

One Day Only
AT EACH PLACE

MT. JEWETT,
MONDAY, MAY 20.

Admission 25 Cts.

Children under 9 years of age to afternoon entertainment 15 cents.

F. G. LINDHOLM & CO.

The public is cordially invited to call and get prices on our large stock of fine goods.

NEW THIS WEEK.

STRAW HATS,
HAMMOCKS,
MACKINTOSHES,
NECKWEAR,
SHOES.

Attention, Bark Peelers!

You can find at our Store everything in Camp Supplies. Prices never so low.

F. G. LINDHOLM & CO.

[illegible] Main St., Smethport, Pa.

IKE SIMONS,

30 MAIN STREET,
Bradford, - Penn'a.

We have all the late novelties in Hats and Furnishing Goods for Spring and Summer, ready for your inspection. Remember we are sole agents for the celebrated DUNLAP Hats and KNOX Hats, the two leading styles in the United States.

Strictly one Low Price for Everybody.

IKE SIMONS.

McKean County Miner.

Entered at the postoffice at Smethport as second class mail matter.

Smethport, Pa. May 10 1895

LOCAL NOTICES.

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[illegible] Fancy Cakes [illegible] Eclairs.

Headquarters for fine candies at the Bakery.

Strawberries are coming into market. [illegible] at Bakery.

LOST—A black cape, on Sunday, between Smethport and Colegrove. The finder will please leave the same at this office.

The Bakery is headquarters for all kinds of early vegetables received fresh daily.

Chas. Frommler has just received a new line of trunks and valises, which he is willing at bargain prices. Call and look them over.

WANTED—A first class girl for general housework. Inquire of J. W. Boulton, Smethport.

DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve cures scalds, burns, indolent sores and never fails to cure piles. A. W. Colegrove.

WANTED—Two coat makers at once. Apply to John Miller, tailor, Smethport. [illegible]

LOST—A brown, curly water spaniel weighing about 25 pounds, and answers to the name of "Curly." Return to

D. McKEAN,
State Line Mills, Pa.

A good house for sale with modern improvements and a half an acre of ground for a garden. Inquire of A. E. [illegible] Main, Coudersport, or at this office.

Our patrons will find DeWitt's Little Early Risers a safe and reliable remedy for constipation, dyspepsia and liver complaints. A. W. Colegrove.

NOTICE is hereby given to John Morrison that the lumber wagon he left at my shop over one year ago for repairs will be disposed of according to law unless he comes forward and pays the repair charges on the said wagon.

S. S. WASHBURN.
Mt. Alton, Pa. May 10 1895. 3t.

Notice.

All accounts of a year's standing not paid within sixty days, will be placed in the hands of an attorney for collection.

DR. HUGO CHADWICK.
Smethport, Pa., May 1 1895.

J. A. Richardson of Jefferson City Mo. Chief Enrolling force 38th general assembly of Missouri, writes: I wish to testify to the merits of One Minute Cough Cure. When other so-called cures failed, I obtained almost instant relief and a speedy cure by the use of One Minute Cough Cure. A. W. Colegrove.

LOCAL AND GENERAL

—Circus, May 21.

—A. W. Colegrove has one of the finest driving horses in town.

—Read our advertisements. They all contain useful information.

—Read the announcement of Stadel Bros. Circus on the second page.

—It [illegible] try the advertising columns of the MINER.

—We have just issued large bills announcing the Decoration day services.

—The drill will be started on the well on Barney brook about next Monday.

—At St. Luke's church on next Sunday the offering will be for Diocesan missions. Evening service at 7 45.

Bring your girl to the circus on the 21st. If you don't happen to have one, bring some other fellow's girl.

—The MINER is doing a rushing business in its job department. Only good work turned out, hence the rush.

—Geo. Ran, a well-known Bradford electrician, died there on Saturday last, having been a resident of the city for 15 years.

—M. L. Armstrong has at last succeeded in conquering an unruly bicycle and now takes a spin along with the rest of the boys.

—Last Saturday we were in conversation with a gentleman who had been to Buffalo, and had priced furniture in that city. The result was he came back and purchased what he desired at home, which speaks well for our merchants here.

—Attend the concert at the Baptist church, next Tuesday night.

—Robbie, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Baydon, died on Sunday May 5th. The funeral was held Tuesday, and the remains were interred in Rose Hill cemetery.

—W. D. Gallup is improving the looks of his residence on Green street by a coat of paint. Leonard Koenig is doing the work.

—Your wife and children should see the great circus which will be at Smethport on the 21st. It may be the only one here this year.

—Olean intends to celebrate the ever glorious fourth in a manner befitting that hustling town. In fact they claim that they will eclipse anything ever tried heretofore.

—Miss Burch was the recipient of a handsomely bound copy of Miss Willard's latest book which was presented to her by the Smethport W. C. T. U. as a token of their regard.

—There will be a concert at the Baptist church on Tuesday night for the benefit of the organ fund. Special pains have been taken to make this an attractive entertainment.

—Jonathan Colegrove has moved into the rooms over his store, and his son, Al., has moved into the house vacated by his father on Water street.

—A. W. Colegrove has placed in his drug store one of Reed's latest improved cigar cases. It is a beauty, and adds greatly to the appearance of the room. Mr. Colegrove is bound to keep up with the times.

—Mr. Gilbert desires to return thanks to the Smethport Guitar and Banjo Club for the fine serenade given him and his family last Monday evening. The music was well rendered and bore evidence of considerable training. Come again, boys.

—Last night after the people had gone to their homes from the school entertainment, the fire alarm was heard. The fire laddies did some tall sprinting, only to learn to their disgust that it was the old shed known as the "pig's ear."

—It is said that the road between Ormsby and the B., R. & P. railroad is in such a bad condition that even the supervisor in that district was thrown out of the wagon a few days ago while driving over it. Perhaps he'll sue for damages.

Miss Burch will open a select school to continue for one month, forenoon sessions only, in the school building on Monday morning May 13. This will be a good opportunity for those who did not make their grade to work up and pass. The tuition will be one dollar for the month.

—We unintentionally left out of the report of the school entertainment last week the dialogue entitled the "Singing School," by Charlie Church, Grace Mason, Anna Servatius, Kenneth Mayo, Francis McClure, Beulah Hocker and Lizzie Klappenbach. It was well rendered and received a [illegible] applause.

John F. McCarty, a well known and respected citizen of East Bradford, died at [illegible] live in Bradford. The deceased was a member of the K. O. T. M. and Foresters. The remains were interred at Blossburg, Pa.

—The attention of our readers is respectfully directed to the elegant cut of the interior of H. W. Marcus, of Olean, N. Y. This cut only shows the first floor. The second floor of this large establishment is devoted to Cloaks, Millinery, etc. If you are in Olean be sure and drop in there. You will receive courteous treatment whether you make a purchase or not. Do not forget the mail order department.

—A gentleman in this town received a letter a few days ago which spoke of Senator Bannon's condition as follows: The Senator is getting along nicely. He is losing a good deal better, is very cheerful and very confident of being fully restored to health. The doctor is equally sanguine, and if nothing prevents I believe he will be his old self again in a reasonable length of time.

—Norton Hive L. O. T. M. was organized at Summit City on April 30, by Mrs. E. E. Brown. In speaking of the matter the Bradford *Record* concludes: "Mrs. E. E. Brown, who enjoys the honor of being deputy commander of the state of Pennsylvania, is a woman of marked ability and fully demonstrated woman's capability of successful managing a large fraternal and beneficial organization."

—The following pupils were not absent during the past month: [illegible] Miss Burch teacher. Helen Anderson, Florence Cummings, Dewly Davis, Dora Doerr, Viola Doerr, Essie Frost, Mildred Grigsby, Vera Gilbert, Mabel Godding, Viola Haz[illegible], Earl Hafner, Harry Haly, Eddie Irons, Bessie Klappenbach, Rena McCammon, Harry Sasse, Elsie Sherrer, Myron Gallup, Robert Rainer, Bessie Olson, Ethel Voorhees and Walter Evans.

—Therian McQuone, eldest son of Farney McQuone, died at his father's home in Instanter Pa. on Monday morning at 5 o'clock of blood poison, aged 30 years, after a short illness. Deceased was quite well known in Smethport he having been in the employ of C. E. Barrett for a number of months and his sudden death was quite a shock to his friends. The funeral was held at the M. E. church on Wednesday at 3 p. m.

—The Oil Well Supply Company is preparing a shipment of 15,000 pounds of drilling tools for the island of Sumatra and the tools will travel 11,000 miles before reaching their destination. The shops of the Oil Well Supply Company are kept running day and night. In the blacksmithing department they have nine fires in full blast and 40 lathes are running in the machine shops.—*Era.*

—A few of the public spirited citizens of Port Allegany recently presented the public school of that borough with an elegant silk flag. The question comes very forcibly to us, has not Smethport some citizens of that character. We have one of the finest school buildings in this section, and we should certainly keep pace with our neighboring towns. Who will take this matter in hand to the end that our school house may be supplied with stars and stripes.

—Holmes & Gilfillan are rushing their new building to completion very rapidly, and when completed it will be a very commodious and convenient building. In dimensions it is 48x34, with 14 foot posts. Overhead a large room will be used as a carpenter shop. On each side in the upper story arrangements have been made for storing mouldings, sash, blinds, doors and other fixtures. Large doors at the east and west ends permit of heavy loads being driven in the building. At the left, on the east end, is a large and commodious office, 16x18 feet, with a large square bay window, also a nice little wash room at the back end. The building is supplied with water and gas, and on the whole shows the push and energy of the hustling lumber firm.

—Messrs. F. E. Tull and S. S. Fry, of this town, are erecting a building at Ormsby, and will soon put in a stock of general merchandise at that hustling oil town. Mr. Tull will move his stock of goods to the new locality and a large amount of new goods will be added. The best wishes of a host of friends and the congratulations of the MINER following these gentlemen in their new enterprise, and we can cordially recommend the firm as being composed of honorable and enterprising gentlemen.

—On Tuesday afternoon the pupils of Miss Burch's room gave one of their popular entertainments consisting of songs, select readings, recitations and patriotic songs and drills. Among those who took part are Myron Gallup, Hazel Abbey, Earl Hafner, Harry Sasse, Myra Servatius, Dewly Davis, Maud Heath and many others. The affair was a complete success, ably maintaining Miss Burch's previous reputation as a driller of juveniles. Miss Burch also showed us some original drawings executed by her pupils which are a great credit to the little ones.

—Our veterans are making extensive arrangements to commemorate the day that we hold sacred in honor of the brave men who laid down their lives that the nation might live. By looking over the program one can quickly perceive that it will be a success. The names of the officers will convince you that the day will be properly observed. Do not fail to attend and by your presence add one more to the gathering that will do honor to the nation's dead heroes, as well as to encourage the brave men that remain with us, and aid them in decorating the graves of their departed comrades.

—Last week Mrs. Taylor had a new steel ceiling placed in the dining room of the Grand Central. Messrs. Kerns and Powell did the work, after which it was painted by Mr. Koenig. The material was furnished by Messrs. Holmes & Gilfillan, and the work of placing the ceiling in position was superintended by Mr. Holmes in person. The MINER wishes to compliment the above firm on this piece of work, as it is a marvel of beauty and neatness, and shows how earnestly they strive to please. Those in need of anything in their line can rest assured of fair and honorable dealing.

—The school year that has just closed has been one of the most successful in many years. We believe the MINER will voice the sentiments of the entire community when it expresses the hope that the entire corps of teachers will be retained for another year. The teachers have all given good satisfaction, and our schools now rank among the best in this section. It may cost a little more to retain them for another year but we believe it to be for the best interests of our schools, and we hope the school board will look at this in the same light. The MINER wishes Prof. Fell and his able corps of assistants a pleasant vacation with the sincere hope that it will have the pleasure of welcoming them back this fall.

—The Olean Morning *Times* is the name of a clean, bright and breezy morning paper that makes its appearance this week. [illegible] part of the world. A special feature is the [illegible] manner in which it handles the news of Western New York and Northwestern Pennsylvania. It's a live, up-to-date morning daily and sells for only a cent. It covers the news as well as the more expensive morning papers yet it is sold at a price that brings it within the reach of all. The Morning *Times* ought to have a large sale in the towns hereabouts, and there is an opening for live news boys to make a good thing by pushing it.

—A certain druggist in Coudersport hired a man to fish for him. The man returned with about five pounds of fish for which the druggist paid him at the rate of 30 cents per pound. When the transaction was completed the fisherman said there was a trout that started for his hook that day that looked as though it would weigh at least two pounds. He then asked the druggist how much he would pay if he brought a trout of that size. The druggist replied two dollars. The fisherman explained "that fish look larger in the water than they really are" and asked how much he would give for one weighing a pound and three-quarters, to which he received an offer of $1.50. Instantly the fisherman surprised the druggist by pulling a trout out of his overalls pocket that measured 15 inches in length and weighed just 24 ounces. The fish is on exhibition at A. B. Armstrong's.

—The high school entertainment given at the Opera House last night was a decided success in every feature. The house was well filled by an appreciative audience. The performers had received such a thorough drilling at the hands of Prof. Fell, Miss Nourse and Mr. Crawford that everything moved off like wax work. The opening chorus by about 30 voices was grand. The "Legend of Bregenze" recited by Miss Ethel Gifford was well rendered. "Crime its own Detector," by Will Gallup, was good. "High Tide on the Coast of Lincolnshire," by Miss Hibbard was excellent. "Darius Green and his Flying Machine," by Joe McCarty captured the audience. The piano duett by Miss Rena Gallup and Mr. A. O. Crawford, the Marche Militaire, was well executed and received hearty applause. "A String of Broken Beads," by Miss Helen Holder, was among the finest numbers on the program. "The First Settler's Story," by Miss Martha Brennan, was well rendered. The poem, by Miss Hattie Fraley, was excellent. Miss Nourse's recitation was rendered in a manner that showed that she possessed elocutionary powers of a high order. The vocal duett, by the Misses Wright and Fraley, was well rendered. The Delsarte Drill, made the hit of the evening. Want of space forbids a more extended notice of this excellent entertainment. Too much praise cannot be given to the untiring efforts of Prof. Fell and Miss Nourse to make the program the success it was.

La Grippe is here again with all of its old time vigor. One Minute Cough Cure is a reliable remedy. It cures and cures quickly. A. W. Colegrove.

Reduced Rates to Philadelphia via Pennsylvania Railroad.

On the occasion of the dedication of the Odd Fellows' Temple at Philadelphia, May 21, 1895, the Pennsylvania Railroad Company will sell, on May 20 and 21, excursion tickets to Philadelphia and return from all points on its system east of Pittsburg and Erie, north of Quantico and south of Canandaigua, inclusive, at a single fare for the round trip, with minimum rate of fifty cents. Tickets will be good for return passage until May 23 inclusive.

This rate is open to the public, and offers an excellent opportunity for a visit to Philadelphia at a very small cost.

Fast and frequent express trains run from Philadelphia to all principal New Jersey seashore resorts.

Doctor H. E. Fish, of Gravois Mills, Mo., a practicing physician of many years experience, writes: DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve has no equal for indolent sores, scalds and burns. It stops pain instantly, heals a burn quickly and leaves no scar. A. W. Colegrove.

Memorial Services.

HEADQUARTERS G. A. R., ROCKFORD, ILL., March 26th, 1895.

General Order No 9.

I. Twenty-seven years ago the beautiful and impressive custom of strewing flowers on the last resting place of fallen comrades was first publicly observed and each year since has witnessed a more general observance of the day. "Memorial Day" is now indeed a time when a grateful people of a great nation vie with each other in honoring the memory of its soldier and sailor dead, who died that the nation might live, and also showing to the survivors of that great struggle, that our republic is grateful, and does honor the men who dared death in its defence, and whose sacrifices and brave deeds shall be told in song and story to the rising generation, that they too may learn to love our country and its flag, learn what it has cost to preserve our free institutions, learn that we have the best and most liberal form of government on the face of the earth to day, learn that "eternal vigilance is the price of liberty," learn that its constitution guarantees to all its citizens, free speech, free thought, political and religious, a free ballot which is the patriot's weapon in time of peace, learn that the safety of the nation lies in having every citizen protected in his rights, learn that education and patriotism go hand in hand, that we are one nation, and that our motto is "One Country and One Flag," and that flag, Old Glory, the stars and stripes, the flag which on this Memorial Day waves over every union soldier and sailor's graves in this broad land.

Now comrades let us all enter earnestly into this patriotic work. "Fall in" with your Post in its efforts to fittingly observe the day with flowers and tears for the dead, cheers and smiles for the living. Since last Memorial Day a full division of our Grand Army has been mustered out by death. Let us close up our ranks, and stand shoulder to shoulder as we journey down the Western slope of time.

II. Department Commanders will suggest to Post Commanders that they ask the different schools in their various localities to hold patriotic services Friday afternoon preceeding Memorial Day, and that a detail be made from each Post to co-operate with the teachers in this work.

III. Post Commanders should also be reminded of the fact that their Memorial Day exercises should include attendance upon Divine service, in a body, Sunday evening, May 26. This custom has grown to be considered second only to the services on Memorial Day and the Commander in Chief trusts that every Post will make arrangements for this observance.

IV. The auxiliary organizations of the Grand Army should be invited to participate with the Posts on Memorial Day. School children and patriotic citizens generally should also be invited. Let the day be truly a Memorial Day to our soldier and sailor dead. By Command of

THOMAS G. LAWLER,
Commander in Chief.

C. C. JONES, Adjutant General.

PROGRAM.

President—W. P. Eckels.
Orator—Rev. C. V. Wilson D. D.
Marshall—H. M. Choate.
Chief of Staff—J. C. Breneman.
Aides—Sons of Veterans.
Committee of Arrangements—T. A. Morrison, H. J. Burlingame, J. Colegrove, L. Rogers.
Reception Committee—T. A. Morrison, B. F. Wright, J. M. McElroy.
Committee on Flowers—J. Colegrove, C. S. Sandford, S. C. Bush, W. K. [illegible]
Committee on Music—L. Rogers, H. J. Burlingame, A. H. Pierce.
Committee on Invitation—H. M. Choate, Wm. Cogley, Wm. Caskey.
Committees for flagging graves at the different cemeteries:
Colegrove—J. Colegrove and wife, W. H. Kile.
Farmers Valley—James Howard, Joe H. [illegible], K. F. Heiser.
[illegible]

W. K. [illegible]

McKean Post No. 347, G. A. R. [illegible]
[illegible] May 2 1895.

General Orders No. 3.

I. The comrades of this Post will assemble at the Post room on Sunday May 26th at 3 o'clock p. m. in full uniform to attend Memorial services at St. Luke's Episcopal church.

II. As time's ceaseless march brings us again to Memorial Day the comrades of this Post will assemble at their head quarters on Thursday May 30th at 1 o'clock p. m. to carry out the program published by the Memorial Committee.

By Command,
T. K[illegible], Commander.
H. [illegible], Adjutant.

The Mystery Solved.

On January 6 this year Rufus Choate, a young boy of about 17 years, suddenly disappeared from his father's home near Buffalo. Being unwilling to attend the high school he had been chided by his father who told him he must attend school hereafter. That night, in company with two friends, he drove to Buffalo. Returning his friends bade him good-night. Rufus went to the barn to unhitch his horse. This was the last time he was seen alive. Search for the missing boy was carried on for a long time and he was extensively advertised but without avail until last Friday when the hired man on entering the barn discovered a disagreeable odor but failed to discover the cause. He searched for it on Saturday for it on Saturday but found nothing. On Sunday an elder brother of Rufus assisted the hired man. Finally they climbed the ladder to the loft of the barn, and on opening the loft door the smell was so strong that they were fully satisfied that they had located the difficulty. Young Allen Choate suddenly came upon the decomposed body of his missing brother. It was then discovered that he had committed suicide by shooting himself with a 22 calibre revolver. The barn in which the body was found was only about 25 feet from the house, and for 118 days the body had laid where they could almost touch the poor boy but owing to the fact that the loft was dark it was undiscovered until the smell became so offensive that search was instituted. The deceased was a nephew of our esteemed townsman, H. M. Choate.

A Fishy Joke.

One day last week while a couple of our county officials were over at Port Allegany a small boy brought a large trout to C. S. King that weighed about a pound and a quarter. The usual comments were made about the beauty and size of the fish, when Mr. King made the remark that he would give two dollars for a trout that would weigh two pounds. Our county officials entered into a conspiracy with a young business man of the town to fill the fish with shot and have the boy take it to Mr. King as another trout, which he had caught of greater weight. Everything worked nicely, the shot was planted, but before the boy could be found, the cook asked Mr. King if she should dress the trout, to which he assented. When the boy came he found the trout was in no condition to hold shot. The game was blocked and the mischief-makers were cheated out of a hearty laugh. Mr. King, as innocent as a lamb, passed through the whole performance without knowing how near he came to having a huge joke played upon him. But the best of all was when the cook said the boy never caught the trout on a hook, that he had shot it, as she found fine shot while she was dressing it.

List of Letters

remaining in the postoffice at Smethport, Pa., for the week ending May 6, 1895:

Bergqvist, Johan	Corry, A. B.

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Shedd's Little Mandrake Pills are entirely free from any of the cutting oils or poisonous mineral salts so prevalent in most medicines.

SOCIETY AND PERSONAL NOTES.

We would deem it a favor if those having friends visiting in this place would notify us by postal or by leaving a notice at this office.

J. R. Kline, of Ridgway, was in town over Sunday.

C. R. Gallup was down from Mt. Jewett on Monday.

Hon. T. D. Nash paid Bradford a visit on Saturday last.

Att'y Shearman, of Eldred, came up on business Monday.

Mrs. Harriet Saunders returned to Coudersport Saturday.

Gus McClure, of Barnes, Hengerer & Co., was in town Monday.

Alex Clark rode over from Bradford on his wheel on Saturday last.

Miss Gratz started for Harrisburg on Monday for an extended visit.

Florenz Stickel will occupy the Barret residence on upper Main street.

T. B. Hungiville and family visited with Bradford friends last week.

W. C. Maxwell of Bradford, registered at the Wright House on Monday.

O. H. Goodsell of Olean, made his many friends in town a visit over Sunday.

Alba Gilfillan paid a visit to his old home in Nebraska, Forest Co. last week.

Misses Hattie Fraley and Addie Walters visited Colegrove friends last Saturday.

Dan Bacon, ye host of the Chautauqua, made a business trip to Bradford on Tuesday.

H. J. Doolittle, of Eldred, was circulating among his many friends in town last week.

P. R. Cotter, Esq., of Eldred, went to Philadelphia Saturday to attend Supreme court.

J. C. Breneman and Capt. M. B. Johnson drove over to Bradford on Tuesday evening.

Att'y H. S. Rogers, of Mt. Jewett, was around town on Friday last transacting business.

R. H. Camp and wife, of Port Allegany, were guests at the Grand Central on Friday last.

Mr and Mrs. Murry Greer and daughter visited Buffalo on Friday, remaining over Sunday.

Mrs. Capehart, of East Smethport, will occupy part of the Burbank residence on Main street.

Claude Gillis and Neil C. MacEwen, of Kane, were guests at the Wright House on Friday last.

M. A. Lillibridge and A. N. Lillibridge, both of Port Allegany, were guests at the Central on Tuesday.

Hon. Willard White returned last Friday night looking as though he had thoroughly enjoyed his trip.

Mr and Mrs Thos McDowell, of Port Allegany, were the guests of Wm Haskill and family last week.

Mr and Mrs. Eugene Mullin, Mr and Mrs G. A. Berry and R. B. Stone went to Philadelphia Saturday night.

S. S. Washburn, of Mt. Alton, transacted business in town Monday and while here made the MINER office a pleasant call.

E. N. Taylor and C. K. Crawford drove from Bradford to Roulette Saturday and to Coudersport Sunday, returning to Bradford Monday.

Commissioners Jewett and Hungiville were at Morrisons on Saturday to inspect the county bridge that they are building at that place.

H. A. Button and Geo. Vredenberg were over from Coudersport this week, putting the finishing touches on the new Brewer hose house.

Mrs. Thomas H. Ryan and sister Miss Edna D. March [illegible]

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J. R. Foster of Annin Creek, who recently closed a very successful term of school at Roulette Pa., was a pleasant caller at the MINER office on Thursday morning.

The genial Will L. Foster, ye host of the Foster House at Lewis Run, called on us last Friday and made his stay very pleasant while here. Mr Foster now rides a nobby bicycle.

Dr. Burr Chadwick left on Saturday for Philadelphia where he will spend Sunday, returning to Harrisburg on Monday where he will attend the sessions of the state board of health.

Mr. and Mrs. McClure of Buffalo, the parents of F. A. McClure, superintendent of the C. & P. A. R. R., returned to their home Monday after several days' visit with their son at Coudersport.

Rev. J. W. Sanborn attended the meeting in Coudersport of the M. E. ministers of the Olean district on Tuesday. About 30 were present. Rev. Mr. Sanborn is very much pleased with his trip as well as with the town.

R. C. Gleason who has been a student at the Oberlin O. School of Retouching arrived home last Friday night. His many friends will be pleased to learn that he stood second best of any student ever graduating from that institution.

W. A. Ostrander arrived home from Buffalo on Friday last a full fledged druggist, having graduated from the Buffalo school of pharmacy. Will has accepted a position with W. A. Colegrove where he will be pleased to greet his many friends.

Prothonotary G. W. Mitchell started for Saturday afternoon. He took in the sights of the city of Brotherly Love from the pedestal of the statue of William Penn and on his return he stopped off at Harrisburg and inspected our law makers in Capitol hill.

P. E. Baldwin, Esq. of Austin, arrived in town on Saturday afternoon, and despite the fact that he has a host of friends who would like to have visited with him, for some reason unexplained, he went into seclusion until train time on Monday, when he left for Coudersport.

Mrs. Frank Helme will take her husband's place in the employ of F. B. Garrett & Co., of Syracuse, and will handle a full line of their papers. As the widow of a printer cut off in the prime of life, we bespeak for her the patronage of the printing fraternity.—Friendship *Register.*

Miss Cora Barr gave a very pleasant party last Wednesday evening in honor of Miss Lena Dickenson, who leaves for her home in Norwich township next Monday. Miss Dickenson attended school here during the past term and made many friends among the young people, all of whom wish for an occasional visit.

J. J. Newman spent Sunday with his family here. Mr. Newman is thoroughly imbued with the idea of a good, new south. He thinks it the finest country on the globe and so when northern brain, muscle and Yankee ingenuity begin to get control it will become the leading section of the Union. Their new plant will be ready for operation in about three weeks and by Mr. Newman's description it is undoubtedly the most perfect mill plant on this continent. A more complete account and description of the mill and its branches will be given later.

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B. H. Bowman, Pub. *Enquirer*, of Bremen, Ind., writes: Last week our little girl baby the only one we have was taken sick with croup. After two Doctors failed to give relief and life was hanging on a mere thread we tried One Minute Cough Cure and its life was saved. A. W. Colegrove.

W. T. Sanford, Station Agent of Leeper, Clarion Co., Pa., writes: I can recommend One Minute Cough Cure as the best I ever used. It gave instant relief and a quick cure. A. W. Colegrove.

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AROUND THE COUNTY.

Interesting News From Various Localities Picked up by Our Regular Correspondents.

PORT ALLEGANY

C. H. Bergman, who for the past three years has acted as foreman for Ventres Bro's, has resigned his position and started this (Monday) morning for Bradford, where he has secured the management of a large planing mill, at a considerable advance in wages. Mr. Bergman is a first class workman, and one of the best managers in in this section. We wish him success in his new home. His family will remain here for the present.

Henry Metcalf Post, G. A. R., is making active preparations for the proper observance of Decoration Day. Memorial services will be held in the M. E. church on Sunday, May 26, the Rev. S. D. Pickett delivering the sermon. On Thursday, the 30th, the veterans will have their usual march to the cemetery, escorted by Star Hose company, K. O. T. M. and other societies.

C. S. King drove to Smethport last Saturday, returning at night, accompanied by the ever genial editor of the MINER, Mr. Bart Olson, who was greeting friends about town until the departure of the Coudersport train.

A. J. Quimby, the unterrified manager of the Potter "Populist," was in town last Saturday afternoon en route for Johnsonburg. Mr. Quimby is a very pleasing gentleman to meet, and always has a smile and hearty handshake for his many friends.

Elias Shurts, an aged and respected citizen of this place, was stricken with paralysis on Wednesday morning last, and has lain in an unconscious condition ever since. There is no hope of saving his life.

M. J. Hadley and C. S. Barrett were appointed by the court to locate the line between Ceres and Annin townships which has long been in dispute. They performed their duties during the past week.

C. C. Ward made a business trip to Gardeau last week and while out wrote up over $14,000 in fire insurance, besides capturing several hundred dollars in the life and accidental.

Mrs. E. H. Arn[illegible] is having her residence on Pearl street handsomely painted. Artist Maxwell is performing the work which is [illegible]

The Misses M[illegible] and Katie Schol[illegible] [illegible] the guests of their friend Miss Bertha Little.

Albert Card has leased the livery barn formerly occupied by W. R. Franklin and will take immediate possession.

W. R. Valentine has moved his family from the tannery row to one of the E. B. Dolley houses on Mill street.

Clinton Richardson, of Oswayo, is spending a few days in town, the guest of his brother, George Richardson.

Miss Rice of Portville, N. Y., spent Sunday in town, the guest of her brother, the popular B. H. Rice.

Messrs. C. R. Bard, C. S. King and B. C. Taber made a business trip to Buffalo the first of last week.

W. K. Swetland and Dorr Cobb, of Coudersport were greeting acquaintances in town Saturday evening.

Victor Sherrill, of Olean, was in town last Monday greeting old friends and school mates.

C. I. Peck, Esq. of Coudersport, was a brief visitor in town on Saturday evening last.

Miss Ella Young is spending a few days with relatives and friends in Coudersport.

Carl Wolford's residence on Main street is being handsomely and tastily repainted.

Fred Blackmar of Coudersport, was in town for a short time on Monday last.

Mrs. F. W. Hogarth, of Coudersport, spent Sunday with friends in town.

B. G. Barth made a business and pleasure trip to Coudersport last week.

Our graded school closes its winter term on Tuesday May 14th.

CLERMONT

As I do not see any items from Clermont in our papers, it would be natural to believe that it is a town of the past, but it is not, as it is as lively a little town as any of its size to be found in the county. We boast of two large general stores, both of which are doing more business than the same stores would do in many towns three times the size of Clermont. We also have a large commodious hotel, which is doing a good business, two shoe shops and two meat markets, all of which are kept busy attending to the wants of their customers. I do not see any reason to complain.

The bark peelers are all getting ready for their work. There must be a great deal of peeling going on about here this season, judging from the many loads of goods that pass our door these days.

Aaron Hellman, who has bought the G. W. Belknap farm, has commenced farming in good earnest, and intends to build a house on the same. That's right, keep the wheel moving.

We are informed that our justice of the peace contemplates moving his office across the street from its present location. A good move in the right direction.

Tenement houses are scarce. Why do not some of our enterprising townsmen build more houses and improve the town.

The rains of Tuesday last have stopped the large forest fires which were raging around Clermont for the past few days.

Messrs. Amend and Jacobson, our road supervisors, have commenced to improve the roads in their respective districts.

It seems as though the bicycle craze has struck town by the looks of the number we see on the streets every evening.

It is rumored that there is to be a wedding in town in the near future. Who can the contracting parties be?

Mrs. S. Bedford is not improving from her illness as fast as her many friends would like to see her.

Our schools will soon close, which will gladden the hearts of the little ones.

Mrs. Eva Weiss, of Rasselas, is in town, the guest of Mrs. John Meisel.

Itch on human, mange on horses, dogs and all stock, cured in 30 minutes by Woolford's Sanitary Lotion. This never fails. Sold by A. B. Armstrong, Druggist, Smethport, Pa.

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and to be a man or even a well grown boy it is necessary to have and to wear Pants. "Pants are made for men and not men for Pants." Our special Racket is to supply Pants of all grades at prices no competition can approach, much less match. Note these prices and compare the goods with the sham bargains of the regulars.

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Mens' Jeans—Best Covington goods, cord seams, lined or unlined worth $1 00, our price 59c.

Mens' Woolen Pants, custom cut, two hip pockets, any of them cheap at $2 00, our price $1 20.

Mens' Kersey Pants, custom cut, two hip pockets, any of them cheap at $2.00, our price $1 20

A few pairs of mens' Corduroy Pants 30 and 34 waist, worth $3 00, our price $1 50.

Boys' knee pants 10 cts, 3 pair for 25c.

Boys' knee pants worth 40c we will close at 20c.

Boys' Corduroy knee pants at 48c.

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$20 Suits	$10	Two Suits For the Price of One.	$10 Suits	$5
18 Suits	9		8 Suits	4
16 Suits	8		6 Suits	3
14 Suits	7		4 Suits	2

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CHICKAMAUGA.

(Continued from first page.)

The farmer got Jakey's clothes and his own. They put them on, using all possible caution. Then the farmer took his son's hand and led him on tiptoe to the open window. Once there, he took him up in his arms, and passing him through it dropped him on the ground a few feet below. Then Black got through himself and dropped beside Jakey.

"Now for the stable, my son."

Going across some vacant lots, they reached the stable and took out both the horses.

"Jake," said the father, "I'm goin to the headquarters of the Federals. I want yer to stay 'n take keer o' yer sister."

"Sourt don't need no one ter take keer o' her."

The farmer went back into the stable, leaving Jakey to hold the horses, and brought out a saddle and bridle.

"Waal, Jake," he said presently, "she's a gal 'n may need y'."

"What yer goin fo'?"

"T' tell 'em the southern men air gittin outen Tullyhomy. 'T may make a lot o' differ ter th' cause."

"Why can't I go 'n do thet?"

The farmer made no reply. He went on equipping the horse for a ride, but he was thinking. After all, wouldn't a boy have a better chance to get through than a man? He had great confidence in Jakey's abilities in this direction, for they had been tested long before near the beginning of the war. Then he disliked to leave his daughter without protection in a lawless territory.

"Jake," he asked at last, "do y' think y' c'd do 't?"

"Reckon."

"I kin put y' on th' road 't Manchester. Thar or before y' git thar y'll find Yankees. But yer powerful little fo' sich a job." And the farmer looked at his son undecidedly.

"Do y' think I'm a babby ter be rocked in a cradle?"

"No, Jakey. Yer a 'markable little chap. Thar's not 'nother boy o' your age livin I'd trest to carry this message. I reckon I'll let y' try it."

Slack took Jakey up in his arms and sat him on the horse. Then he shortened the stirrups till all the holes in the straps were exhausted, when he cut new ones, making the length a proper one for Jakey's little legs.

"Now, Jake," said his father in a tone that bespoke a desire to put resolution into himself and the boy at the same time, "tell th' Federal general that a guerrilla kem to the house whar we war sleepin and tole his wife thet the southern men air gittin outen Tullyhomy. He kem from thar this afternoon. 'N, my boy, es I often tole y' afore, remember yer a Unioner 'n hain't afraid o' nothin. That's th' road."

"Tom, you git."

[TO BE CONTINUED.]

PLAYED WITH THE BULL'S HEAD.

The Penalties Attached to a Hand In Poker Held Against Five Kings.

Some varieties of cards have the picture of a bull's head upon the fifty-third card, which is known as the "joker," and largely affected by progressive euchre players when they are working assiduously for plated watch charms and cotton lace collars. It is seldom used in a game of poker, but in some sections it is left in the deck upon such occasions, and when a man holds it he is at liberty to give it the same value as any other card in his hand. The other night a party of jovial spirits sat down to while away a few hours at the seductive pastime, and when some one asked what kind of poker should be played another suggested that "everything should go." In the parlance of poker this means a great deal. A player can cheat to his heart's content provided he is not discovered, and as all the players were equally well equipped with tricks the proposition was acceded to.

During the game one of the players excused himself for a moment on some apparently proper plea and left the room. While he was absent he secured a new deck of cards and arranged them so that the person who dealt them would receive four aces, while the man to his left would get four kings. In his hurry he failed to remove the bull's head. Returning to the room, he took his seat, and winking to the man next to him, whose deal it happened to be, he deftly slipped him the "cold deck." The dealer, having confidence in his friend, took the pack and dealt out the hands. Of course he got the four aces. The betting was confined to him and the man to his left, and at last, when each had his cash and all his worldly possessions in the way of jewelry and wearing apparel staked on the result, the hands were called.

The dealer gladly announced the proprietorship of four aces and reached out for the plunder. The other man stopped him instanter. "Why, you can't beat four aces!" ejaculated the dealer.

"Oh, yes, I can," said his opponent. "I've got four kings and the bull's head, and that makes five. That means that I take the pot and all the rest of your clothes, and that every time I meet you on the street in the next six months you'll have to give me a $5 bill."

Then the game broke up.—Washington Post.

A Wonder of Coloring In Flowers.

The editor of "Notes For the Curious" recently read a wonderful (?) account of a bunch of roses kept in a New York herbarium, which still retain their original color, notwithstanding the fact that they were cut from the parent stalk three years and one month before the signing of our Declaration of Independence. The editor of the paper in which the notice appeared, he no doubt considering it the "eighth wonder of the world," asked if any reader could give information concerning a case in which roses or other flowers had retained their natural colors for so long a time.

We would state that we have seen well preserved wreaths and garlands of lotus, red and yellow poppies, and other unclassified flowers which were found on Egyptian mummies known to have been dead over 6,000 years. The red poppies were but a shade lighter than those dried and pressed but a month or a year before, and in the case of the yellow variety there was no distinguishable difference between those from the ancient tombs and specimens which had been dried but a week. If the editor who refers to the colonial roses as wonders will visit the Egyptian museum at Cairo, he will find dried colored flowers of sufficient antiquity to excite his wonder.—St. Louis Republic.

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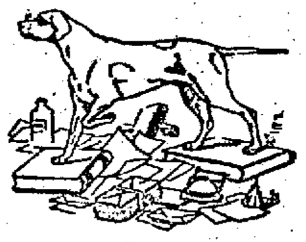

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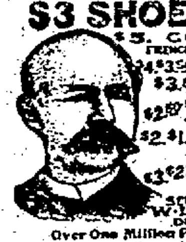

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TIME TABLE
WESTERN NEW YORK & PENNSYLVANIA

In effect July 8, 1894.

Trains leave Smethport for Larrabee, Eldred, Olean, Bradford, Rochester and Buffalo as follows:

BUFFALO EXPRESS.........9:52 A. M.
BUFFALO MAIL.........[illegible] P. M.

Train leaving Smethport at 2:31 p. m. connects at Olean with River Division for Allegany, Salamanca, Oil City and Pittsburg.

For Clermont, Johnsonburg, and points south:

CLERMONT MAIL.........7:12 A. M.
CLERMONT ACCOMMOD'N.........12:30 P. M.
LOCAL.........7:00 P. M.

Clermont Mail connects through to Johnsonburg.

Get Time Tables giving full information from
A. E. WORMER, Ticket Agent,
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PENNSYLVANIA RAILROAD.

PHILADELPHIA & ERIE DIVISION TIME TABLE. In effect Nov. 25th, 1894.

TRAINS LEAVE EMPORIUM JUNCTION EASTWARD.

8:26 a. m.—Train 8, daily except Sunday, for Sunbury, Harrisburg and intermediate stations, arriving at Philadelphia 6:50 p. m., New York 9:30 p. m., Baltimore 6:45 p. m., Washington, 7:50 p. m. Pullman Parlor car through from Williamsport and passenger coaches from Kane to Philadelphia.

3:30 p. m.—Train 6, daily except Sunday, for Harrisburg and intermediate stations, arriving at Philadelphia 4:30 a. m., New York 7:33 a. m. Pullman sleeping cars from Harrisburg to Philadelphia and New York, Philadelphia passengers can remain in sleeper undisturbed until 7:00 a. m.

9:50 p. m.—Train 4, daily for Sunbury, Harrisburg and intermediate stations arriving at Philadelphia 6:52 a. m., New York 9:33 a. m., 10:25 a. m. Sundays. Baltimore 6:20 a. m., Washington 7. 40 a. m. Pullman sleeping cars from Erie and Williamsport to Philadelphia and passenger cars from Erie to Philadelphia, and Williamsport to Baltimore. Passengers in sleeper for Baltimore and Washington will be transferred into Washington sleeper at Harrisburg.

WESTWARD.

5:00 a. m.—Train 1, daily except Sunday for Ridgway, DuBois Clermont and intermediate stations, leaves Ridgway 3:00 p. m. for Erie.

10:25 a. m.—Train 3, daily for Erie and intermediate stations.

7:05 p. m.—Train 11 daily except Sunday Kane and intermediate stations.

THROUGH TRAINS for EMPORIUM JUNCTION FROM THE EAST AND SOUTH.

Train 1 leaves Renovo 4:25 a. m., daily except Sunday, arriving at Emporium Jc. 5:50 a. m.

Train 11 leaves Philadelphia 8:30 a. m., Washington 7:50 a. m., Baltimore 8:50 a. m., Wilkesbarre 10:15 a. m., daily except Sunday, arriving at Emporium Junction 7:05 p. m. with Pullman Parlor car from Philadelphia to Williamsport and passenger coaches to Kane.

Train 3, leaves New York 8:00 p. m., Philadelphia 11:20 p. m., Washington 10:00 p. m., Baltimore 11:20 p. m., daily arriving at Emporium June. 10:25 a. m., with Pullman sleeping cars from Philadelphia to Erie and from Washington and Baltimore to Williamsport and passenger coaches from Philadelphia to Erie.

JOHNSONBURG RAILROAD.

Daily except Sunday.

NORTH A. M. Lv.	STATIONS.	SOUTH Ar. A. M.
9 30	Ridgway	[illegible]
9 44	Johnsonburg	[illegible]
10 12	Glen Hazel	[illegible]
10 14	Straight	[illegible]
10 18	Instanter	[illegible]
10 2[illegible]	Smith's Run	[illegible]
10 32	Woodvale	[illegible]
10 40	Clermont	[illegible]

Connections are made with train 1, leave Johnsonburg at 5:25 a. m. for Erie and intermediate points, arriving at Erie at [illegible] p. m., also at Ridgway with train 8, leaving Ridgway at 1:25 p. m. for Philadelphia, New York, Baltimore and Washington.

S. M. PREVOST, General Manager.
J. R. WOOD, Gen'l Passenger Agt.

Buffalo, Rochester & Pittsburgh Railway.

THE SHORT LINE

On and after Nov. 25, 1894, passenger trains between Buffalo, Rochester, Salamanca, Bradford, Ridgway, DuBois, Punxsutawney and the Coal and Lumber Regions of Pennsylvania will leave Bradford and Mt. Jewett daily except Sunday, as follows:

LEAVE BRADFORD—EAST BOUND.

7:45 a. m.—Buffalo & Rochester Express, for Salamanca, Ellicottville, Springville, Buffalo, Machias, Castile, Silver Springs, Warsaw, LeRoy and Rochester.

2:00 p. m.—Mail—For Salamanca, Ellicottville, Springville, Cattaraugus, Buffalo, Machias, Castile, Silver Springs, Warsaw, LeRoy and Rochester.

5:10 p. m.—Buffalo Express—Daily, Limestone, Carrollton, Salamanca, Ellicottville, Springville, Olean and Buffalo.

LEAVE MT. JEWETT—SOUTH BOUND.

[illegible] a. m.—Accommodation—For Johnsonburg, Ridgway, Brockwayville, DuBois and Punxsutawney.

2:[illegible] p. m.—Mail—For Johnsonburg, Ridgway, Brockwayville, DuBois and Punxsutawney.

Thousand Mile Tickets, good for passage between all stations, at two cents per mile.

Passengers are requested to purchase tickets before entering the cars. An excess charge of TEN CENTS will be collected by Conductors when fares are paid on trains, from all stations where a Ticket Office is maintained.

For time tables and full information call on or address any of the Company's agents, or

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EDWARD C. LAPEY,
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Rochester, N. Y.

BUFFALO & SUSQUEHANNA R. R.

TIME TABLE.

Took effect Monday, Nov. 26th, 1894.

1	3	5	STATIONS.	2	4	6
am	p m	p m	Ar. Dp.	a m	p m	
[illegible]	[illegible]	7 20	Keating	9 15	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	Cowley Junc.	9 20	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	Austin	11 00	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	Costello	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	Wharton	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	Logue	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	Hull	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	Cross Fork Jc	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	Germania	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	Galeton	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	Walton	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	Ansonia	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
	a m	p m	Dp. Ar.	p m		
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	Cross Fork Jc.	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	Cross Fork Jc.	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	Cross F'k	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

H. HUTCHINSON, Train Master.
C. W. GOODYEAR, Gen'l Manager.

COUDERSPORT & PORT ALLEGANY Railroad Time Table, takes effect Monday, March 11, 1895.

AR. EAST'D.			STATIONS.	LV. WEST'D.		
A. M.	P. M.	P. M.		A. M.		
[illegible]	[illegible]	12 55	Coudersport	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	Pine Creek	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	Hammond	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	12 49	Fish Basket	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	Olmsted	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	Mina	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	Knowlton	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	Roulette	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	Burtville	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	Coleman	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	12 15	Port Allegany	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

An additional train leaves Port Allegany 4.10 p. m. for Coudersport.

PINE CREEK DIVISION.

1.00 p m	Coudersport	p. m. [illegible]
[illegible]	Pine Creek Junction	[illegible]
[illegible]	Fair Grounds	[illegible]
1.12	Ladona	[illegible]
1.20	Sweden Valley	[illegible]

Trains run on eastern standard time.

B. A. McCLURE, [illegible]

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Direct lines between Bradford, Kane and the Elk county oil field.

TIME TABLE IN EFFECT DEC. 16, 1894.

WESTWARD.		STATIONS.	EASTWARD.	
p. m.	a. m.			
7 40	9 30	Bradford	[illegible]	[illegible]
7 24	9 18	Tarport Hill	[illegible]	[illegible]
7 10	9 0[illegible]	Kinzua Junct'n	[illegible]	[illegible]
6 41	9 [illegible]	Mt. Alton	[illegible]	[illegible]
6 45	9 [illegible]	Bear City	[illegible]	[illegible]
6 41	[illegible]	Rixford	[illegible]	[illegible]
6 32	[illegible]	Aiken	[illegible]	[illegible]
6 15	[illegible]	Davis	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
6 2[illegible]	[illegible]	Ormsby	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
6 25	[illegible]	Ormsby Junct'n	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	Mt. Jewett	[illegible]	[illegible]
5 10	6 30	Kane	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	Spring Creek	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	Sheffield Junct'n	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	Marienville	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	Tylersburg	[illegible]	[illegible]
1 15	[illegible]	Clarion	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	Foxburg	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	Butler	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	Allegheny	[illegible]	[illegible]

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